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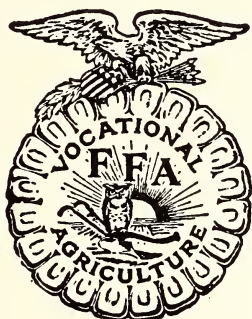
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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November, 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1950, the active membership totaled 319,261 in 7,933 chapters of 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of farming occupations; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities for rural people; and supplementing, by means of boy-initiated and boy-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to prospective young farmers regularly enrolled in day-school vocational agriculture courses.

The Future Farmers of America organization of voluntary membership has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The Twenty-third National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 9 through 12, 1950. Delegates were present from 50 chartered associations. Approximately 7,000 individuals attended the convention.

These proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the Convention sessions are included along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory to the convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due to Mr. John J. Farrar, Director of Public Relations and Information for the F.F.A., Mrs. Nancy B. Linehan and Miss Irene R. Worth for their assistance in the preparation of material for this publication.

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Wisconsin-----	Eugene Gohl-----	William Pickerign Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Wyoming-----	Dick Wymore-----	Kenneth Payne Lyman, Nebraska

CONVENTION PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 THROUGH FRIDAY
OCTOBER 6

Meetings National Board of Trustees

Saturday, October 7 through Sunday, October 8

Joint Meeting of National Board of
Trustees and National Advisory Council

Monday, October 9

- 8:00 A.M. Registration, Grand Foyer,
Municipal Auditorium
12:00 Noon Officer-Delegate Luncheon, Aztec Room, Hotel President
1:00 P.M. Tours To Points of Interest
2:30 P.M. Meeting of State Advisers, Hotel President

NATIONAL F.F.A. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

MAIN ARENA, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 — 8:00 P. M.

CHAIRMAN

George Lewis, National President of F.F.A.

Opening Ceremony

Music—National F.F.A. Band, Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State Col-
lege, conducting.

Explanation of Contest

Drawing for Speaking Order

SPEAKERS

CHARLES R. OCKER, Cameron, Missouri "Better Living Through Balanced Farming"	WALTER CARLSON, Powell, Wyoming "Rural America and Socialized Medicine"
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CLEMENT CORREIA, Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii "The Young Farmer of the 49th State"	HERMAN BREWER, JR., Eden, Texas "The Marshall Plan and Farmer's Faith"
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HERBERT MCFETRIDGE, Geneva, New York
"Farm Price Supports"

Music—National F.F.A. Chorus, James W. Hatch, State Department of Educa-
tion, conducting.

Presentation of Awards

JUDGES

KARL BUTLER, Farm Counselor, AVCO Manufacturing Corporation, New York,
New York

W. T. SCHNATHORST, Supervisor, Educational Services, International Harvester
Co., Chicago, Illinois

PAUL VISSER, Agriculture Department, National Broadcasting Co., Inc., Chi-
cago, Illinois

TIMEKEEPERS

NORMAN H. DAVIS, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri

HERBERT L. SCHALLER, Editor, "Better Farming Methods," Mount Morris,
Illinois

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 8:00 A. M. Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium
- 9:00 A. M. Opening Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Band Concert—National F.F.A. Band
Group Singing
Invocation—Doyle Conner, Past National F.F.A. President
Report on Delegate Credentials
Roll Call of States and Seating of Delegates
Address of Welcome—William E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri
Minutes of Twenty-Second National Convention—Donald Bakehouse, National Student Secretary
Appointment of Constitutional Committees
Nomination of Honorary American Farmers—W. T. Spanton, Chief, Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
Treasurer's Report—Dowell J. Howard, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richmond, Virginia
Executive Secretary's Report—A. W. Tenney, Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
Music—National F.F.A. Chorus
Building of F.F.A. Emblem—New York State Association
Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus
Address—Honorable Charles F. Brannon, Secretary of Agriculture
Closing Ceremony
- 2:00 P. M. Second Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony
Music—Corvallis, Oregon, String Band
Presentation of Awards in National Chapter Contest
American Farmer Degree Ceremony
Conferring of Honorary American Farmer Degrees
Address—Honorable Clifford R. Hope, United States Congressman from Kansas
Closing Ceremony
- 7:30 P. M. Third Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony
Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus
Massing of State Flags—State Star Farmers
Presentation of Star American Farmer Awards
Recessional
Closing Ceremony
Special Entertainment—Courtesy, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 9:00 A. M. Fourth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
Opening Ceremony
Music—National F.F.A. Chorus
Unfinished Business
New Business
Addresses of Retiring Officers
Greetings from Past National F.F.A. Officers
Interviews of F.F.A. Boys Who Visited Great Britain
Interviews of Guests from National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain
Music—National F.F.A. Band
Address—His Excellency Henrik Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador to the United States

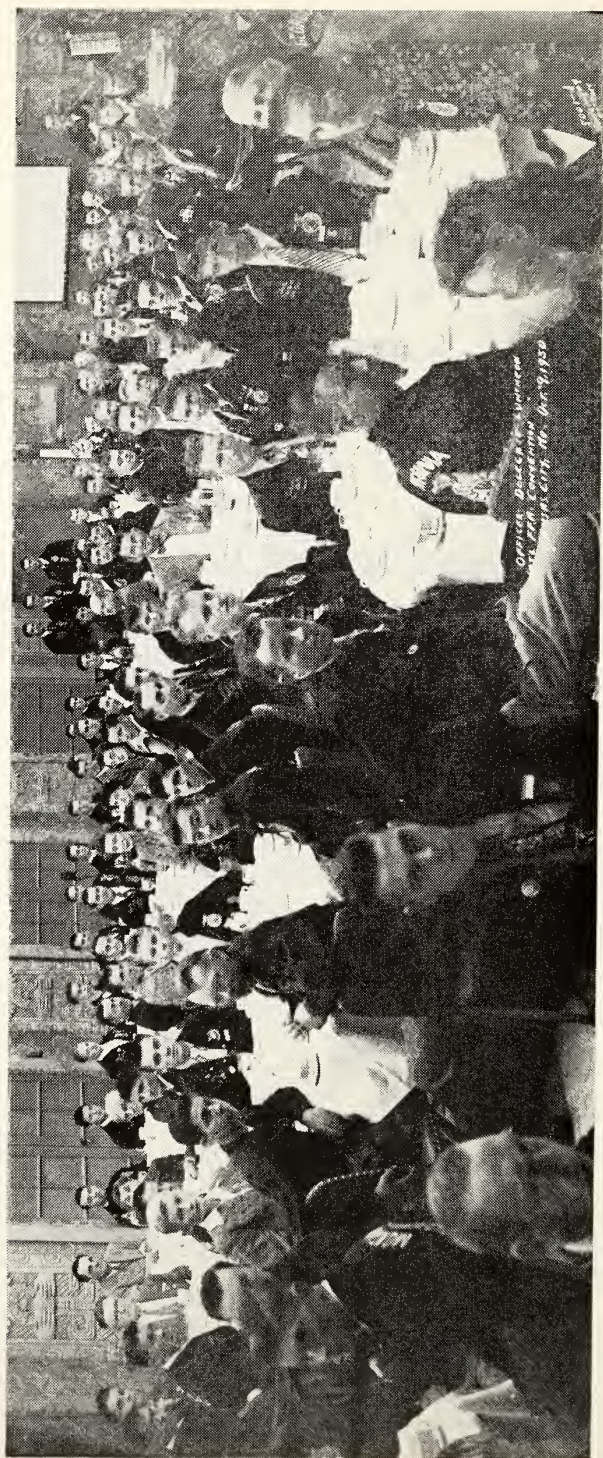
- 1:00 P. M. Tours to Points of Interest
- 2:00 P. M. Fifth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Appointment of Committees
 Recess for Committee Work
 Closing Ceremony
- 8:00 P. M. Sixth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus
 Calling to the Platform Representatives of Donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.
 Introduction of Platform Guests
 Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., Awards
 Farm Mechanics
 Farm Electrification
 Dairy Farming
 Soil and Water Management
 Farm Safety
 Closing Ceremony
 Talent Night

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 9:00 A. M. Seventh Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—National F.F.A. Band
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 New Business
 Committee Reports
 Report on Future Farmers Supply Service—A. W. Tenney
 Music—National F.F.A. Chorus
 Address—E. H. Bakken, National Director Rural Scouting,
 Boy Scouts of America, New York City
 Closing Ceremony
- 2:00 P. M. Eighth Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—Quincy, Florida, String Band
 Committee Reports
 Presentation of Budget for 1951-52
 Annual Dues for 1951-52
 New Business (continued)
 Addresses of Retiring Officers
 Report of Nominating Committee
 Election of Officers
 Greetings from Incoming Officers
 Closing Ceremony
- 7:00 P. M. Final Session, Main Arena, Municipal Auditorium
 Opening Ceremony
 Music—National F.F.A. Band and Chorus
 Installation of New Officers
 Presentation of Past Officers' Pins and Certificates by New President
 Torchbearers of the F.F.A.
 Closing Ceremony by New Officers
 Special "Kansas City Night" Presentation, Courtesy Saddle and Sirloin Club, American Royal Association and Kansas City Chamber of Commerce

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Minutes of the Convention

Monday, October 9, 1950

Evening Session

The Future Farmers of America twenty-third national convention convened in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri at eight o'clock, National President George Lewis, of Hersman, Illinois, presiding. First Vice-President Rogers Fike; Second Vice-President Joe King; Third Vice-President Merrill Cartwright; Fourth Vice-President Glenn Lackey; Student Secretary Donald Bakehouse; Adviser W. T. Spanton; Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney; and Treasurer D. J. Howard were present.

Following the opening ceremony the National FFA Band presented a concert.

An explanation of the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was given by President Lewis. The speakers then drew for speaking order. Following the speeches the National F.F.A. Chorus presented several selections while the judges conferred. Results of the contest were announced and awards presented on behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. by Student Secretary Bakehouse.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 10, 1950

Morning Session

The first session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

Following a concert by the National Band and group singing President Lewis called upon Past President Doyle Conner to pronounce the invocation.

A telegram was read from Ervin Martin, National F.F.A. President in 1947-48.

The report of the Delegate Credentials was called for and Student Secretary Bakehouse reported 99 official delegates present from 50 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of the delegates followed. President Lewis gave instructions to the delegates.

The address of welcome was given by the Honorable William E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

The minutes of the Twenty-second National Convention as read by Student Secretary Bakehouse were approved unanimously in their entirety.

President Lewis announced the appointment of the Auditing, Program of Work and Nominating Committees.

Adviser W. T. Spanton moved that the following persons be given the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

Clifford R. Hope, United States Congressman from Kansas, Washington, D.C.

His Excellency Henrik Kauffman, Danish Ambassador to the United States, Danish Embassy, Washington, D. C.

E. H. Bakken, National Director Rural Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Clarence B. Hoff, Director, Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City Missouri.

Harry J. Kaufmann, Program Director, Radio Station WDAF, Kansas City, Missouri.

James H. White, Managing Editor, Western Farm Life, 1520 Court Place, Denver 2, Colorado.

Paul R. Brasch, Agricultural Bureau, Rath Packing Company, Waterloo, Iowa.

W. R. Felton, Asst. State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State A. and M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Carl M. Humphrey, State Director Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Howard W. Matthews, Agricultural Research, Swift and Company, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Illinois.

Parker A. Woodhul, President, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, Inc., Box 32, Portales, New Mexico.

R. D. Anderson, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Columbia, South Carolina.

Bert L. Brown, State Supervisor Agricultural Education, P. O. Box 97, Olympia, Washington.

W. F. Stewart, Agricultural Teacher Trainer, 215 Ives Hall, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.

Dana Lewis, Hersman, Illinois.

John T. Fike, Eglon, West Virginia.

Joseph B. King, Rt. 3, Box 352, Petaluma, California.

Claud W. Cartwright, Booneville, Mississippi.

Glenn M. Lackey, Delaware, Ohio.

Roy Bakehouse, R.R. 4, Owatonna, Minnesota.

Carlyle Crawford, Moore, Utah.

John Forrest Davis, Rt. 3, Box 200, Quincy, Florida.

Elton Ott, R.D. 2, Bangor, Pennsylvania.

Otto Turnow, Curtice, Ohio.

Millard E. Fourt, Yuma Chapter, Yuma, Arizona.

Warren T. Smith, Madera Chapter, Madera, California.

Ernest O. Tarone, Modesto Chapter, Modesto, California.

William Paul Gray, Eaton Chapter, Eaton, Colorado.

Herbert E. Brown, Trenton Chapter, Trenton, Florida.

Clay Cundiff, Lowell Chapter, Lowell, Indiana.

George A. Richter, Jr., Franklin Chapter, Franklin, Illinois.

A. G. Jensen, Olathe Chapter, Olathe, Kansas.

Lynn Heatley, Midland Chapter, Midland, Michigan.

James Wall, Waverly Chapter, Waverly, Nebraska.

Louis G. Gombosi, Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey.

W. D. Sumner, Ames Chapter, Ames, Oklahoma.

Wilson McDonald, Atoka Chapter, Atoka, Oklahoma.

Ray K. Hagenbuch, Toheca Chapter, Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

H. A. Small, Camden Chapter, Camden, South Carolina.

Lawrence Cavendish, Ripley Chapter, Ripley, West Virginia.

Warden M. Lane, Upshur Chapter, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Ralph R. Reynolds, Bland Chapter, Bland, Virginia.

The motion was seconded by Mahoney of Massachusetts and carried.

Mr. Dowell J. Howard, National F.F.A. Treasurer presented his report. It was moved by High of Ohio to accept this report; motion seconded by Alley of West Virginia and carried.

Mr. A. W. Tenney, National F.F.A. Executive Secretary presented his report. It was moved by Sauder of Nebraska to accept this report; motion seconded by Payne of Wyoming and carried.

Following a few selections by the National Chorus the Building of the F.F.A. Emblem Ceremony was presented by the New York Association.

The National Band and Chorus rendered a few more selections, after which an address was given by the Honorable Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 10, 1950

Afternoon Session

The second session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

The Corvallis, Oregon, String Band played a few numbers.

A telegram of greeting was read from the Future Homemakers of America.

The presentation of awards in the National Chapter Contest was made by Mr. Elvin Downs, of Utah, and Mr. Earl H. Little, of New Hampshire, both members of the National Advisory Council.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the advisers of the Gold Emblem Chapters.

The American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the following candidates by the national officers:

Alabama

Jack Goolsby, Florala
Thomas W. Green, Vida
James Heflin Knight, Rt. 2, Box 272,
Opelika
Neal P. Miller, Jr., Safford
Marvin E. Mills, Hacoda
Joe Minter, Rt. 2, Camp Hill
Johnny Reid Pittman, General De-
livery, Auburn
Thomas Turner, New Market

Arizona

John Willard Hulet, Box 283, Chan-
dler

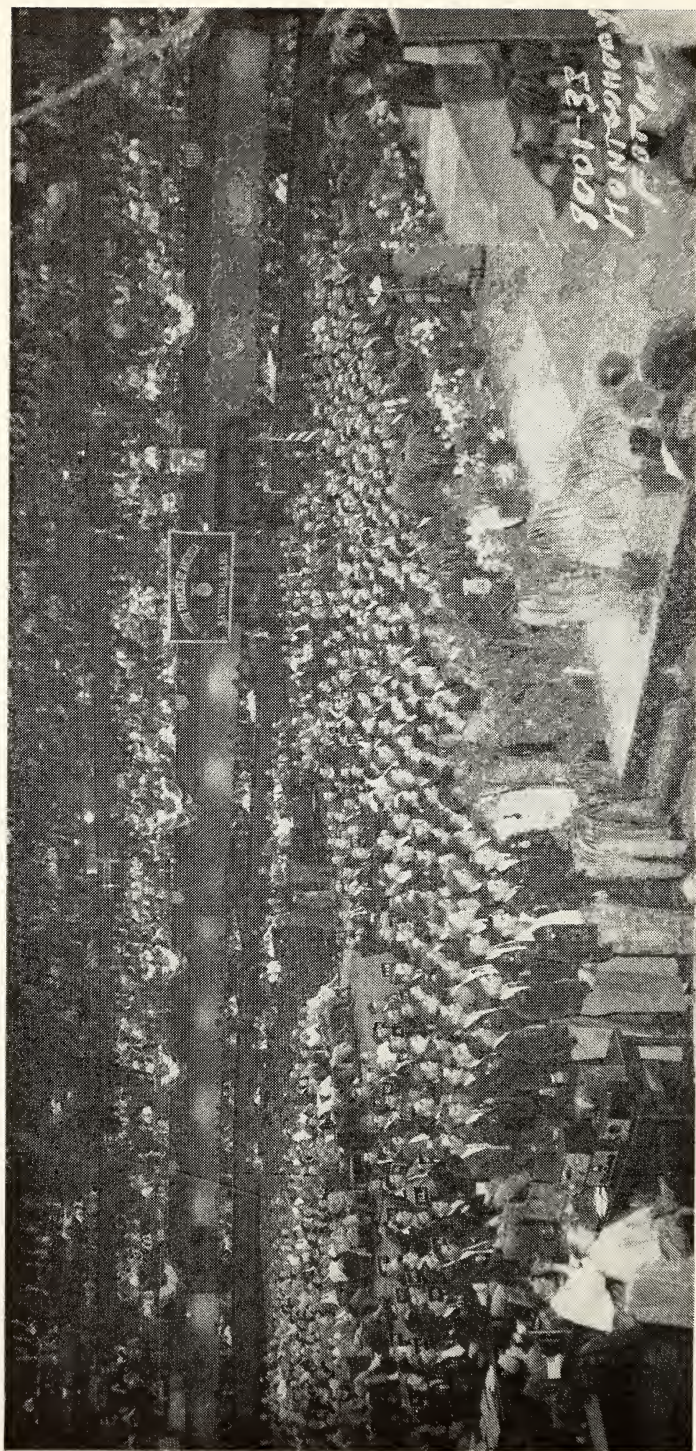
Arkansas

Joe Lindell Frost, Parks
Paul K. Lewis, Jr., Ladelle
Russell Merlin Sloan, Rt. 2, Poca-
hontas
Billy Tisdale, Rt. 2, Springdale

James Oliver Turner, Rt. 1, Box 332,
Forrest City
Marion Edwin Young, Rt. 1, Ever-
ton

California

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Cecil Marcell Dickens, Rt. 1, Box
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Dos Palos
William John Robasciotti, Rt. 2,
Box 160, San Luis Obispo
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Buttonwillow



AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CEREMONY

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Ernest F. Chuchuru, Box 17, Mont-
rose

Connecticut

Ernest Stanley Finch, Roxbury

Delaware

Boyd M. Cook, RFD 2, Elkton, Md.

Florida

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Quincy
Hal A. Davis, Rt. 3, Box 200,
Quincy
Larry Crago Griggs, Summerfield
William Floyd Philmon, Rt. 1, Box
77, Zephyrhills
Hurtis Smith, Rt. 2, Chipley

Georgia

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Willie Berg Chason, RFD 1, Ray
City
Berry Albert Darley, RFD 4, Lyons
Cliff McKenney Evans, Smarr
Charles Gibbs, RFD 5, Moultrie
Eugene Hawkins, Donalsonville
Donald Eugene Lee, Brooks
Jack Mercer Newton, Rt. 2, Moultrie
Bill Sammons, RFD 1, Blakely
M. C. Sprouse, Jr., Hilton
John Edward Voyles, Morrow
Wayne Wommack, RFD, Tennille

Idaho

Warren E. Hart, Rt. 4, Buhl
William L. Park, Rt. 1, Shelley

Illinois

Robert Harm Behrens, RFD 2, St.
Joseph
Gilbert L. Blankenship, Newark
Hugo B. Block, Neponset
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242, Elgin
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Virgil D. Mittelberg, R.R. 4, Quincy
Donald Arthur Morgan, Homer
Richard B. Oloffson, R.R.1, Wyand
John Charles Ott, Verona
Gene Potthast, Greenville
Raymond G. Rosenstiel, Pearl City

Earl H. Schultz, Jr., R.F.D., 1, Mar-
engo
Donald Milton Swedlund, R.R. 3,
Galesburg
James Trachsel, Chenoa
Richard G. Weber, Lanark

Indiana

Robert Allen Lemler, Bourbon

Iowa

Wendell Charles Body, Sac City
Wayne Foltz, Diagonal
Myron Kent Miller, RFD 3, Charles
City
Lester Orr, West Liberty
David L. Williams, Villisca

Kansas

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Kentucky

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Owingsville

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Isle

Maryland

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Michigan

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Charlotte
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Bruce Krohn, Elkton

Max A. McConnell, Charlotte
 Ralph B. Piepkow, R.R. 2, Spring-
 port
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Minnesota

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 duck
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 South Dakota
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Mississippi

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 Lloyd Matthews, Union
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 Walter Doty, Dawson
 Stephen H. Elliott, Rt. 2, Carthage
 Robert Earl Hertzog, Lee's Summit
 Wendell A. McShane, Flemington
 John William Schaback, Weston
 Glenn Slayton, Fairdealing
 Jackie Lee Thomas, Golden City

Montana

Marvin Allan Balzer, Worden
 Richard M. Davidson, Joliet

Nebraska

Arthur H. Becker, Albion
 Gilbert C. Horn, Eddyville
 Dick Sauder, Chappell
 Robert K. Vasey, Cozad

Nevada

Anthony H. Ivins, Lund

New Hampshire

Dana M. Merrell, Alstead

New Jersey

Elmer T. Denman, Sussex

New Mexico

Elton Brown, Taiban
 Kenneth Huggins, Laplata

New York

Robert L. Busekist, Otto
 Walter Gladstone, Jr., Adams
 Harold J. Loder, Richmondville
 Robert J. Whelpley, Wellsville
 Lanier Miller Woodhull, West Cox-
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North Carolina

Johnnie Kent Beck, Denton
 Kenneth Earl Blackmon, Rt. 1,
 Princeton
 Joe A. Corriher, Rt. 1, China Grove
 Frank Feimster, Rt. 2, Statesville
 Jack B. Godley, Bath
 L. P. Harris, Jr., Box 105, Rt. 1,
 Pinetown
 Joe Alfred Hunt, Polkville
 Clyde Wallace Jones, Jr., Hobbs-
 ville
 William A. Jones, R.F.D. 2, Snow
 Hill
 Vernon William Joyner, R.F.D. 1,
 Murfreesboro
 John Ralph Loyd, Box 106, Rt. 5,
 Statesville
 John Thomas Reeves, Pilot Moun-
 tain
 Walter Thomas Stinson, Boonville
 Rufus Hawkins Warren, Roseboro
 J. M. Wright, Jr., Rt. 2, Reidsville

North Dakota

Raymond Axtman, Rugby
 Edmund C. Gaarder, Park River

Ohio

Robert Glen Batdorf, R.R. 4, Wau-
 seon
 Harold E. Crowe, R.R. 1, New
 Lebanon
 Richard Eugene Fairchild, R.R. 4,
 Marion
 Carl E. Neville, R.R. 3, Marion
 Paul F. Pulse, II, Hillsboro
 Frank Oscar Smith, Napoleon
 Gene F. Spitnale, R.R. 2, Clover-
 dale
 Melvin L. Swerlein, R.R. 4, Upper
 Sandusky
 Rolland E. Turnow, Curtice

Oklahoma

Roy G. Beeby, Marshall
 Gilbert Thurlo Collier, Mooreland
 Walter Cummins, Freedom
 Wade Ewbank, Fairview
 Roy Folsom, Jr., Hydro
 Harry Joe Kindblade, Rt. 2, Carne-
 gie
 Ira Linn, Verden
 John Petr, Jr., Hunter
 Russell John, Rt. 2, Lawton
 Paul Schemmer, Rt. 5, Kingfisher
 Harland Stewart, Garber
 Paul Thiele, Rt. 3, Perry
 Jack L. Waters, Delhi

Oregon

Robert Warren Estoup, Rt. 2, Free-
 water

Elmer Otto Lucht, Rt. 3, Box, 195,
Molalla
Merton B. Sahnaw, Rt. 1, Cornelius

Pennsylvania

Austin Artley, R.D. 4, Muncy
Merle Ramon Bacon, R.D. 3, Towanda
Bruce G. Banks, Pike County Panther
John A. Booth, R.D. 2, Mansfield
Orville W. Duvall, Jr., Crystal Spring
J. Robert Hess, R.D. 1, Strasburg
Budd E. Ott, R.D. 2, Bangor
Carl Francis Spacht, R.F.D. 1, North East
Carl Warntz, Aaronsburg
Richard C. Waybright, R.F.D. 2, Gettysburg

Puerto Rico

Felipe A. Ramos, Box 66, Orocoveis

South Carolina

Robert D. Bruns, Rt. 2, McCormick

South Dakota

Darrel E. Dean, Miller
Jay Henry Wein, Webster

Tennessee

John Knox Andrews, R.F.D. 3, Culleoka
Billy Caplenor, Rt. 1, Lebanon
Jack Dillehay, Rt. 1, Carthage
Ira L. Dyer, Jr., Hendersonville
Billy Fletcher, Rt. 1, Henderson
J. Edward Harlan, Rt. 4, Columbia
J. Earl Moore, Williamsport
Ralph Osteen, Rt. 4, Lewisburg
Jasper Allen Peddy, Henderson
Billy West, Rt. 1, Carthage
Lee Dow Wilkerson, Brush Creek
Weldon Waldo Williams, Rt. 1, Harrison

Texas

Nolan B. Alders, Woden Route, Nacogdoches
Melvin Bonn, Morris Ranch
Joe Pat Brown, Rt. 3, Colorado City
H. G. Burkett, Jr., Rt. 6, Lubbock
Harold R. Dunk, Junction
Curtis Feller, Texas Kerr Route, Fredericksburg
Vernon Dennis Goldston, Clarendon
Kenneth Gregg, Rt. 3, Plainview
Alvin Hackfeld, Roscoe
Clifton E. Hartman, Rt. 1, Box 38, Estelline
Bobbie Hauke, Clifton
Leonard Charlie Hees, Rt. 1, Harlingen

Leroy Kana, LaGrange
Laverle, Middleton, Rt. 3A, Rusk
James Earl Phillips, Rt. 1, Livingston
Glenn Raney, Garland
Vernon Rauch, Rt. 1, Box 111, Sinton
Lynn R. Rhodes, Rt. 4, Honey Grove
Ralph Curtis Rumbo, Rt. 1, Ennis
Burrell Lee Scarbrough, Rt. 1, Sadler
Kenneth Selby, Star Route, Era
Charles Wendell Sikes, Rt. 1, Bangs
J. B. Smith, Jr., Rt. 3, Coleman
Elton Stewart, Rt. 2, Cumby
Reuben Waddell, Spur
Fred Wells, Laguna Route, Uvalde
Bobby L. Womack, Rt. 6, Lubbock

Utah

Eldon Verness Andrews, Box 305, Aurora
John A. Bourne, R.F.D., Garland
Paul Crawford, Moore

Virginia

Hubert William Carson, Concord
Berl Patterson, Spottswood
William Freeland Rhudy, Jr., Elk Creek
Harold W. Roller, Broadway
Charles B. Spangler, Jr., Floyd
Johnnie Teddy Tomlin, Holland
Robert Chapman White, Forest
Milton Wickham, Beaverdam

Washington

Frederick L. Bengen, Rt. 2, Everson
Don Goodwin, Mae
Robert L. Johnson, Rt. 2, Everett
Charles August Krainick, Rt. 3, Box 189, Enumclaw
Robert A. McGuire, Rt. 1, Snohomish

West Virginia

Charles A. Eagle, R.F.D. 1, Liverpool
Charles Hunter, Jr., Rt. 1, Point Marion, Pennsylvania

Wisconsin

Kenneth R. Ballmer, R.F.D. 4, Janesville
Ernie J. Briskey, Hillsboro
Gerald Arthur Burg, Malone
Donald H. Hanson, R.R. 1, Box 141, Union Grove
James Melvin Hintzman, R. R. 6, Menomonie
Frank A. Jasurda, Rt. 1, Box 91, Phillips
Ronald Jenkins, Rt. 1, Waukesha
Richard E. Jensen, Colfax
Carl A. Peterson, Grantsburg
Francis M. Schank, Arcadia

President Lewis conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon a number of men.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was then conferred upon the Honorable Clifford R. Hope, United States Congressman from Kansas, by President Lewis, after which Congressman Hope presented an address.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Tuesday, October 10, 1950

Evening Session

The third session of the convention was called to order at seven-thirty o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the National Band and Chorus.

The Massing of State Flags by the State Star Farmers was presented, after which the National Vice-Presidents presented the Star Farmer Awards for 1950.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Wednesday, October 11, 1950

Morning Session

The fourth session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

Musical selections were presented by the National Band.

The first item of business was the report of the National President. First Vice-President Fike assumed the chair while President Lewis presented his report. It was moved by Alley of West Virginia to accept the report; motion seconded by Gaston of Massachusetts and carried.

Student Secretary Bakehouse presented his report. It was moved by Warren of North Carolina to accept the report; motion seconded by McGreevy of Washington and carried.

The president resumed the chair.

The next item of business was the proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws. It had been recommended by the Oregon Association that:

Amend Article IV, Paragraph 4 of the By-Laws of the National Constitution by striking the words "and shall not be reelected" and inserting the statement, "The National President shall be elected from among the previous year's officers, provided it be in due harmony with at least one of those concerned and the current nominating committee."

It was recommended by the National Board of Trustees to the delegates at the convention that this amendment be rejected. After much discussion it was moved by Gaston of Massachusetts to accept the recommendation of the Board of Trustees; motion seconded by Wood of Vermont and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney introduced Mr. Frederick S. Wilson, representative of the company that was authorized to develop a calendar for the F.F.A. Mr. Wilson discussed the production of the calendar at some length, after which he presented to President Lewis on behalf of his company, for display in the National F.F.A. office, the original painting of the 1951 calendar cover picture.

President Lewis asked all past national officers to come to the platform and introduce themselves, and then tell the delegates and audience something about their present programs. Those present were: Bob Taylor; Joseph Espey; Lawrence Augtenstine; Wilbur Dunk; Bill Michael; Sherman Beard; and Doyle Conner.

Interviews were held with Vice-President Lackey, who was one of the representatives of the F.F.A. in Great Britain this summer, and Donald Spencer and Richard Nott, guests from the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain.

Honorary membership in the F.F.A. was then conferred upon Donald Spencer, Richard Nott, Peter Blythe and Edward Albone, all representatives of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain who visited in the United States this summer.

Musical selections were rendered by the National Band.

President Lewis conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon His Excellency Henrik Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador to the United States, after which Ambassador Kauffmann presented an address.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Wednesday, October 11, 1950

Afternoon Session

The fifth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

Following the opening ceremony, President Lewis appointed the following committees: Resolutions, National Chapter Contest, F.F.A. Foundation, Official Manual, Proceedings, Public Relations, Public Speaking and American Farmer.

The meeting recessed for committee work.

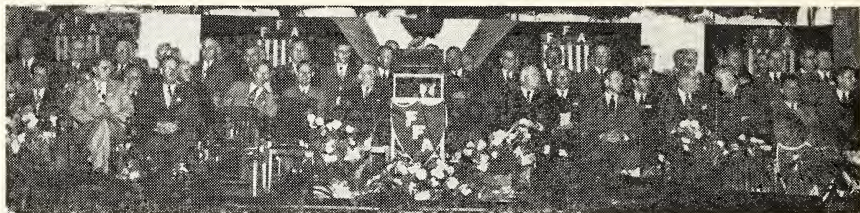
(NOTE: The afternoon session was spent on tours to points of interest in Kansas City by those who were not doing committee work.)

Wednesday, October 11, 1950**Evening Session**

The sixth session of the convention was called to order at eight o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

A few musical selections were rendered by the National Band and Chorus.

Representatives from each of the donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated were called to the platform and introduced by President Lewis.



Representatives to Donors of the Future Farmers of America, Foundation, Inc.

Presentation of Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated Awards for 1950 were made as follows: Farm Mechanics presented by Vice-President King; Farm Electrification presented by Vice-President Lackey; Dairy Farming presented by Student Secretary Bakehouse; Soil and Water Management presented by Vice-President Cartwright and Farm Safety presented by Vice-President Fike.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Thursday, October 12, 1950**Morning Session**

The seventh session of the convention was called to order at nine o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

Musical selections were rendered by the National Chorus.

The first item of business was national officers' reports. First Vice-President Fike presented his report. It was moved by Kartchner of Arizona to accept this report; motion seconded by Guilbeau of Louisiana and carried.

Third Vice-President Cartwright presented his report. It was moved by Brown of Oklahoma to accept the report; motion seconded by Robinson of Virginia and carried.

The next item of business was committee reports. Radabaugh of West Virginia presented the report of the Official Manual Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Vance of North Dakota and carried.

Jessee of Kansas presented a special resolution on the Federal Charter for the Future Farmers of America. It was moved by Fuqua of Florida that this resolution be accepted; motion seconded by Liebler of Connecticut and carried.

Jessee of Kansas presented a special resolution concerning the late Henry C. Groseclose, first National F.F.A. treasurer. It was moved by Schugel of Minnesota that the resolution be accepted; motion seconded by Miller of Illinois and carried.

Jessee of Kansas presented a special resolution concerning the late Dudley M. Clements, Assistant Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, and also a member of the National Advisory Council. It was moved by Knobel of Nebraska that the resolution be accepted; motion seconded by Beech of Idaho and carried.

Jessee of Kansas presented the report of the Resolutions Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Ivins of Nevada and carried.

Carlson of Colorado presented the report of the Program of Work Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Davenport of Connecticut and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented a brief report on the Future Farmers Supply Service.

It was moved by Blakeslee of New Jersey that there be an emblem made in the form of a paperweight and included in this year's Supply Service catalogue, if possible; motion seconded by Chess of Pennsylvania. It was moved by Guilbeau of Louisiana to amend the motion by making it read that we also include bookends as an item from the Supply Service; motion seconded by Sweet of New Mexico and carried.

Gregg of Texas presented the report of the American Farmer Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Reynolds of Tennessee and carried.

High of Ohio presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jessup of Indiana and carried.

A few musical selections were presented by the National Chorus.

President Lewis conferred the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Mr. E. H. Bakken, National Director Rural Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, after which Mr. Bakken presented an address.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Thursday, October 12, 1950

Afternoon Session

The eighth session of the convention was called to order at two o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

The Quincy, Florida, String Band played a few numbers.

Howard of Georgia presented the report of the Chapter Contest Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Vance of North Dakota and carried.

Cummins of Oklahoma presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by King of New York and carried.

Diven of Oregon presented the report of the Public Speaking Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Bycroft of Iowa and carried.

Gatton of Kentucky presented the report of the F.F.A. Foundation Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by McGready of Maryland and carried.

Brown of Oklahoma presented the report of the Proceedings Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Gardner of Utah. It was moved by Kartchner of Arizona to amend the motion by deleting "winner" and inserting "a picture of outstanding performers of Talent Night"; motion seconded by Bauman of South Dakota and carried.

It was moved by Blinkhorn of Oregon that chapters with representatives participating in Talent Night be awarded a certificate of merit designating their appearance on the national program; motion seconded by High of Ohio and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the budget for 1951-52. Obert of Washington moved to accept the budget; motion seconded by Correia of Hawaii and carried.

National F.F.A. Budget

JULY 1, 1951 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1952

Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues	\$32,000.00
Royalties	13,000.00
Old Mill	1,500.00
Camp	50.00
Supply Service—Rent	1,500.00
Supply Service—Grant	7,500.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total anticipated revenue	\$55,850.00

Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel	\$15,200.00
II. Convention	11,025.00
III. American Farmer Keys	3,000.00
IV. Printing	3,450.00
V. National Office Expense	16,337.41
VI. National Camp and Old Mill	5,730.00
VII. Judging Expenses	300.00
VIII. Contingent	807.59
Total estimated disbursements	\$55,850.00

Moneysmith of Ohio moved that the dues for 1951-52 remain the same as they have been in the past, ten cents per member per year; motion seconded by Sherrer of Alabama and carried.

Ditmer of North Dakota moved to give the Board of Trustees authority to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by Balzer of Montana and carried.

Howard of Georgia moved to give the Board of Trustees power to take action on unfinished business and to have full power to act in interim between conventions; motion seconded by Morales of Puerto Rico and carried.

A telegram of greeting was read from Paul Lindholm, Past National First Vice-President, 1948-49.

It was moved by Williams of Michigan that the international exchange program be continued; motion seconded by Merrell of New Hampshire and carried.

It was moved by Gaston of Massachusetts that a recommendation go to the Supply Service that an inside pocket on the right-

hand side be developed for the F.F.A. jacket, if possible; motion seconded by Jefcoat of Mississippi and carried.

Fourth Vice-President Lackey presented his report. High of Ohio moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Travis of Nevada and carried.

Second Vice-President Joe King presented his report. Boyd of California moved to accept the report; motion seconded by Marcantel of Louisiana and carried.



1950-51 NATIONAL F.F.A. OFFICERS

(Left to right)—Seated: Dowell J. Howard, Treasurer; A. W. Tenney, Executive Secretary; Walter Cummins, President; W. T. Spanton, Adviser. (Left to right)—Standing: Robert L. Smith, First Vice President; Donald Jorgensen, Third Vice President; Richard Waybright, Fourth Vice President; Hal A. Davis, Second Vice President; and Wayne Staritt, Student Secretary.

Willis of South Carolina presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Ocker of Missouri and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the closing ceremony.

Thursday, October 12, 1950

Evening Session

The final session of the convention was called to order at seven o'clock with the opening ceremony, President Lewis presiding.

The National Band and Chorus rendered a few selections.

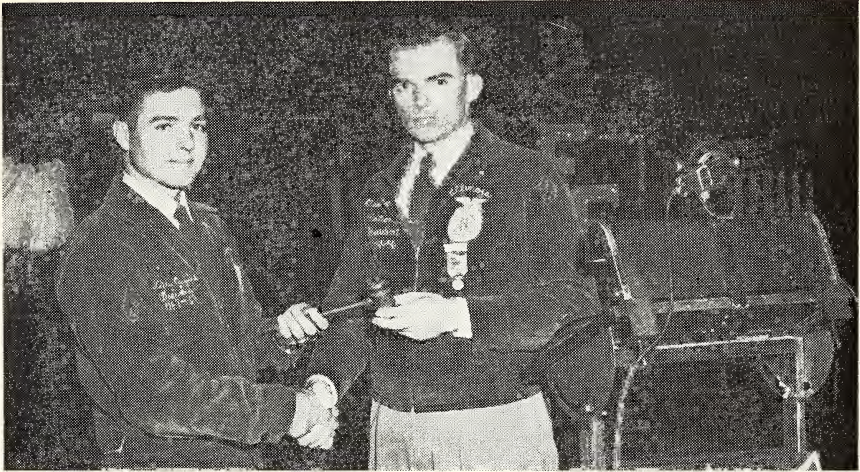
Past President Lewis turned the gavel over to the new Presi-

dent, Walter Cummins, who presented each of the past officers with official national officer pins and certificates.

The new officers took their stations.

An inspiring Torchlight Ceremony was then presented, featuring representatives of the State Associations.

The convention was adjourned sine die at ten o'clock with the regular closing ceremony.



GEORGE LEWIS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, 1949-50 (right), TURNS THE GAVEL OVER TO WALTER CUMMINS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, 1950-51.

Committee Reports

Report of Committee on American Farmer Applications

We, the members of the American Farmer Degree Committee, have agreed to approve the revised applications as submitted by the Advisory Council.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH GREGG, Texas (Chairman)
DALE KRETCHMAN, Michigan
GILBERT J. GASTON, Massachusetts
JOHN W. REYNOLDS, JR., Tennessee
REED CARLILE, Utah
WALLACE VANCE, North Dakota
WENDELL BODY, Iowa

Report of Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee, have reviewed the books kept by the National Treasurer and find that they are accurate and in the proper order. We find further that the accounts have been audited for the period July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950 by Leach, Calkins and Scott, Certified Public Accountants.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN CUMMINS, Oklahoma
(Chairman)
RICHARD WOOD, Vermont
WINFORD COLLIER, Alabama
STANLEY SXTON, New York
J. T. BEECH, Idaho
DON TRAVIS, Nevada
DALE JACKSON, Missouri
KARL RAU, Kansas
ROBERT WHITE, New Mexico

Report of Committee on National Chapter Contest

The National Chapter Contest Committee recommends that the 1950-51 rules and regulations for the contest be the same as for 1949-50, with the following recommendations:

1. That the Gold Emblem Chapters, if possible, be notified before the convention.
2. That the Advisers of the Gold Emblem Chapters already having received the Honorary American Farmer Degree be given special recognition at the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

BILLY HOWARD, Georgia (Chairman)
BILLY DIEHL, Iowa
JAMES R. SMITH, Arizona
FRED REED, Arkansas
JOE A. BLAKESLEE, N. J.
DAN SHIPLEY, Ky.
MIKE KLINE, Calif.

Report of Committee on F.F.A. Foundation

After having examined the Report of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc., the committee representing the 319,000 Future Farmers of the 48 States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, wishes to express our gratitude and appreciation for the excellent assistance and cooperation they have given us as Future Farmers.

We should also like to thank the donors for their participation in contributing to our cause and especially do we want to thank Mr. John Kraft for serving as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL GATTON, Kentucky (Chairman)
JUNIOR KNOBEL, Nebraska
BILLY ADAMS, Tennessee
MARLAN MARCANTEL, Louisiana
WAYNE DITMER, North Dakota
KENNETH PAYNE, Wyoming
DAN MCGREEVY, Washington
FRANK LIEBLER, Connecticut
CALLMAN AU, Hawaii

Report of Committee on Official Manual

We, the official manual committee, have carefully reviewed the contents of the 1950 Official Manual and recommend that the fol-

lowing change be made: Add the revised Constitution as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RADABAUGH, W. Virginia
(Chairman)

LUTHER C. VAUGHN, Florida

JAMES MOORE, Georgia

DICK SAUDER, Nebraska

FRED WILLIAMS, Michigan

RUFUS H. WARREN, North Carolina

STANLEY BLINKHORN, Oregon

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for national F.F.A. officers for the year 1950-51. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....	Walter Cummins, Oklahoma
First Vice-President.....	Robert L. Smith, California
Second Vice-President.....	Hal Davis, Florida
Third Vice-President.....	Donald Jorgensen, Iowa
Fourth Vice-President.....	Richard Waybright, Pennsylvania
Student Secretary.....	Wayne Staritt, West Virginia
Treasurer.....	D. J. Howard, Virginia
Executive Secretary.....	A. W. Tenney, Washington, D. C.
Adviser.....	W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

JIMMY WILLIS, South Carolina (Chairman)

DOUGLAS A. OBERT, Washington

THOMAS J. MAHONEY, Massachusetts

ALBERT L. KURZ, Illinois

RONALD BOKMA, Montana

*WILLIAM WOODS, Indiana

*JOHN H. JESSUP, Indiana

HOWARD HARDEN, Idaho

OSCAR KING, New York

ROBERT WOODS, Mississippi

*Each of these boys served for 1½ days.

Report of the Committee on Proceedings

We the committee on Proceedings for 1950 hereby submit the following report:

We recommend that this year's Proceedings follow the general outline of last year's proceedings with the following changes or additions:

1. Include the following pictures:
 - a. Pictures of talent night performers.
 - b. Pictures and short quotations of distinguished speakers:
 Mayor William E. Kemp
 Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan
 Honorable Clifford Hope
 His Excellency Henrik Kauffmann
 Mr. E. H. Bakken
2. Write up on Federal Charter
3. Summary of Glenn Lacky's trip
4. Article on the Foundation Donor Reception
5. We suggest that the cover be designed the same as last year.

We also give the Board of Trustees the power to make any changes they see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BROWN, Okla., (Chairman)
 ROBERT C. MONEYSMITH, Ohio
 BOBBY SHEALY, S. Car.
 DONALD GUSTAFSON, Minn.
 KARL REINHARDT, N. J.
 WILLIAM VICKEY, N. H.
 JERRY BUTNER, Colo.
 ROBERT BAUMAN, S. Dak.

Report of Committee on 1951-52 Program of Work

We, the Committee on 1951-52 Program of Work, recommend the following activities, goals and ways and means for 1951-52:

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for world demands	100% member participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assist in increasing production of food commodities as recommended by the Secretary of Agriculture. b. Use improved farming methods. c. Arrange for adequate credits in order to achieve these goals.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		d. Produce more agricultural products for home consumption.
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	a. Every chapter member increase the size and scope of his investment. b. Urge every individual to develop a farming program to the limit of his opportunities and ambitions and toward establishment in farming.
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	a. Use improved breeding and feeding practices. b. Urge members to use improved sires, or join artificial insemination associations. c. Urge higher quality foundation animals. d. Urge members to use improved strains of seeds. e. Urge members to harvest and to market crops more efficiently to prevent losses. f. Urge treatment of seeds to prevent disease. g. Encourage improvement of soil fertility. h. Urge members to carry crops and livestock insurance for self protection.
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% member participation	a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. When necessary urge vaccination of livestock to prevent disease. d. Urge strict sanitation practices.
II. COOPERATION		
1. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities. b. Urge members to buy and sell cooperatively. c. Urge chapters to promote cooperative enterprises.
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery	100% member and chapter participation	a. Chapters assist in repair of machinery in community.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Encourage members to offer their services to farmers. c. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from wear, weather, etc. d. Assist agriculture instructors in farm machinery repair courses for farmers.
2. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State associations with safety programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety. b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries. c. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention d. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses. e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention. f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on highways, in the shop, and in fields against fire and other destructive forces. g. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures. h. Publicize safety programs. i. Urge that safety devices be kept in place on farm machines.
3. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies. b. Emphasize the need for conservation to both chapters and individuals. c. Soil conservation by crop rotation and cover crops.
4. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage all members and chapters to discover needed repairs and undertake same. b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge careful and early explanation of progressive features of degree work to Green Hands and mem-

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		bers and plan long time farming programs.
		b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements.
		c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank.
		d. Emphasize early submission of American Farmer Degree applications.
		e. Urge adherence to chapter farmer qualifications and carry out Official Ceremony.
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F.F.A. chapters.
		b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries.
		c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at leadership training schools and conferences.
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	a. Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating.
		b. Stress the value of participation to the individuals regardless of prizes or honors.
		c. Encourage districts to participate in State contests.
		d. Encourage all States to participate in regional contests.
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	a. Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure.
		b. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure.
		c. Encourage local and state parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests.
		d. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library.
		e. Each chapter to have a Parliamentarian.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them. b. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools. c. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention. d. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest. e. Revise program of work each year.
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage the maintenance of State F.F.A. publications. b. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations. c. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications. d. Include in publications copies of winning State F.F.A. speeches of the year. e. Serve as media of information of national organization activities. f. Include helpful agricultural hints.
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences. b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State meetings. c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year. d. Urge special leadership training school for State officers. e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers.
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage more extensive and regular use of local, county, and State newspapers by chapters and State associations.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Secure more articles in national magazines. c. Urge taking of more and better pictures of F.F.A. work for use as illustrations. d. Encourage States and chapters to provide radio broadcasts where possible. e. Encourage wider use of windshield stickers. f. Continue to maintain contact with such organizations as the New Farmers of America and other organizations patterned after the F.F.A. g. Each chapter sponsor at least one local display per year. h. Keep in touch with former F.F.A. members. i. Encourage the use of official F.F.A. uniforms by members. j. National organization put on F.F.A. exhibits.

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Buying Security bonds and stamps	100% of chapters participating in Security Bond Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Send out U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to make purchases. b. Suggest member savings and chapter accumulations be used for purchases. c. Urge State associations and chapters to put on drives to encourage members and others to buy Security bonds and stamps. d. Recommend Security bonds and stamps as awards in the F.F.A. contests.
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all. b. Encourage chapter members to earn money co-operatively to help finance chapter activities. c. Urge every State Association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds.

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- d. Encourage members to invest in productive enterprises and Security bonds.
- e. Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank or some other means of systematic savings.
- f. Encourage local chapters to earn and deposit money in their chapter treasury for loans to members desiring to borrow money for the development of supervised farming programs.

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. Using Official Manual

100% of members having access to official Manual

- a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.
- b. Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work.
- c. Urge that new Manuals be included in every chapter library.
- d. Urge discussion of revision of the constitution at chapter meetings and conventions.
- e. Urge every Green Hand to own a Manual.
- f. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences.
- g. Urge individual members to study and be familiar with official Manual.

2. Using Official Secretary and treasurer books

100% of chapters using both books

- a. Call further attention to the value of these books.
- b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records.
- c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences.
- d. Urge well kept books.
- e. Encourage each chapter to keep a scrap book.

3. Providing Official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies

100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work

- a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain.
- b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
4. Using Official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	<p>urge the use of official materials.</p> <p>c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools.</p> <p>d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies.</p> <p>a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed.</p> <p>b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers.</p> <p>c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools.</p> <p>d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute.</p>
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold Conventions	<p>a. Plan in ample time.</p> <p>b. 100% of all chapters sending delegates.</p> <p>c. Urge all State Farmer candidates to attend.</p> <p>d. Secure outstanding speakers and entertainers.</p>
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	<p>a. Have at least two regular meeting dates per month scheduled in school calendar.</p> <p>b. Special meetings for emergencies.</p> <p>c. Prepare well-planned program beforehand.</p> <p>d. Have one good entertainment feature for 100% participation at each regular meeting.</p> <p>e. Urge 100% chapter attendance at federation or district meetings.</p>
VII. SCHOLARSHIP		
1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	<p>a. Devote one chapter meeting annually to scholarship</p> <p>b. Encourage members to strive for scholastic honors.</p> <p>c. Post an F.F.A. honor roll each month.</p> <p>d. Have advanced boys assist new students.</p> <p>e. Offer chapter awards to outstanding scholars.</p>

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
VIII. RECREATION		
1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter and district competition. b. Sponsor parent and son banquets. c. Cooperate with F.H.A. departments and all related school organizations. d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps. e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency. f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community.
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Week	100% of State associations participating	a. Set aside week of George Washington's Birthday as National F.F.A. Week. b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Week programs.
IX. GENERAL		
1. Maintaining membership	350,000 active members	a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture. b. 100% membership in F.F.A. of boys enrolled in all-day classes. c. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30. d. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.

Respectfully submitted,

LELAND CARLSON, Colo., (Chairman)
 DARRELL A. MILLER, Illinois
 ROBERT C. SAFSTROM, Rhode Island
 DWIGHT LAMB, JR., Maine
 DALE JEFFCOAT, Mississippi
 GEORGE SIMPSON, Delaware
 JOHN SHERRER, Alabama
 MAX J. KARTCHNER, Arizona

Report of the Committee on Public Relations

We, the Committee on Public Relations, go on record as recommending the following:

1. That an appropriation of \$10,000 by the National F.F.A. Organization be budgeted the same as last year.

2. That the National F.F.A. Organization continue to employ a Director of Public Relations and Information.

3. Every local chapter and State association be encouraged to work in every way possible in making contacts with local papers, magazines and radios in their areas in furnishing them with information for publicizing their respective programs, accomplishments and activities.

4. Encourage State organizations, and especially local chapters to aid in putting on radio programs.

5. The national office prepare a public relations guide for use by State associations and local chapters.

6. That each State, district and local chapter be encouraged to publish an F.F.A. newsletter.

7. That each State officer be encouraged to write a column in his respective State F.F.A. Newsletter or similar publication.

8. Encourage local chapters to observe National FFA Week.

9. Encourage every chapter to have public relations committee to submit items to newspapers and magazines, present radio programs, put on window displays and similar activities in order to more familiarize the public with F.F.A. activities.

10. Encourage local chapters to confer the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree to deserving individuals in the local community.

11. To encourage chapters to present films such as: "That Inspiring Task," "The F.F.A. Creed," "The Greenhand," and other F.F.A. films to local farm groups, service organizations and civic clubs.

12. That the national officers continue the annual public relations tour in which they visit donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation and others who should be informed of F.F.A. activities.

13. That each State association be encouraged to conduct a public relations tour.

14. Local chapters be encouraged to do whatever they can to secure a maximum distribution of official F.F.A. calendars.

15. That national officers, advisory board and official delegates of national convention continue to hold reception for donors of the National F.F.A. Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

DALLAS M. HIGH, Ohio (Chairman)

DON LARSEN, Utah

NORMAN DUBOIS, Vermont

CARL CHESS, Pennsylvania

KENNETH PERRY, North Carolina

CHARLES F. MOYER, Virginia

EUGENE SWEET, N. Mexico

HAROLD DUNK, Texas

Report of Committee on Public Speaking

We the members of the committee on public speaking recommend the following: To amend Article III, Section II, by adding "official judges of any F.F.A. public speaking contest should disqualify a participant who speaks on a non-agricultural subject."

Respectfully submitted,

DICK DIVEN, Oregon (Chairman)

DICK WYMORE, Wyo.

CHARLES OCKER, Missouri

NED GUILBEAU, La.

ERIC ROBINSON, Va.

DANA MERRELL, N. H.

LOWELL DAVENPORT, Conn.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We, the committee on resolutions for 1950, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following persons and organizations and especially to the 23rd national convention thereof:

1. To the 1949-50 national officers and the 23rd national convention committees for their excellent efforts in making this convention and this year most successful.

2. To the members of the National Advisory Council for their able supervision and help in advancing the F.F.A.

3. To the members of the Kansas City Advisory Council for their splendid work in making this year another historic milestone in the progress of the F.F.A.

4. To all railroads and their official representatives who are encouraging F.F.A. efforts and valuable educational awards.

5. To Mr. W. E. Kemp, Mayor of Kansas City for his most hearty and warming welcome.

6. To Senators Darby, Kerr, Thomas and Fullbright for the long and untiring efforts which they have put forth in securing the Federal Charter for the national organization.

7. To Congressman Hope, Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan and Mr. E. H. Bakken, for their participation in our convention which has been one of the determining factors in its success.

8. To His Excellency Henrik Kauffmann for his tribute to the Star American Farmer and for his appearance at this convention.

9. To all donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. and those persons who contributed to the success of this convention.

10. To the businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this a most enjoyable trip to Kansas City and for the various services rendered.

11. To all states supplying members to the National F.F.A. Band and to Dr. Henry S. Brunner, Pennsylvania State College, for his able conducting, and also the well organized National Chorus and to their director, Dr. James W. Hatch, Asst. State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, New York.

12. To all companies who assisted in supplying general merchandise, banners, rings, emblems, stationery, etc.

13. To all companies and organizations who participated in furnishing entertainment to the members of the F.F.A.

14. To all judges and members of the F.F.A. who participated in the Public Speaking Contest and the National Chapter Contest.

15. To all organizations and companies from which this 1949-50 National Convention has benefited.

16. To Mr. Clarence Hoff, Manager of the Municipal Auditorium, for the wonderful cooperation he has given the national F.F.A. organization.

17. To all honored guests of the 23rd national convention.

18. To all magazines which have devoted space to the F.F.A.

19. To all hotels and other housing facilities who have accommodated our F.F.A. representatives.

20. To all donors of prizes not previously mentioned.

21. To all other individuals serving the F.F.A. and assisting the 23rd national convention.

22. That we show appreciation to representatives taking part in the massing of the State flag ceremony.

23. To the Corvallis String Band of Oregon, and to the Quincy String Band of Florida.

24. To our friends from the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of Great Britain and to our friends of other countries that visited this convention.

25. To all the people who attended the 23rd national convention.

26. To the New York State Association for presenting the Building of the Emblem.

27. To the Kansas City Night Presentation, courtesy of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, American Royal Association and the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.

28. To the Regional Representatives who made the trip to Great Britain.

29. To the companies who were hosts to the F.F.A. boys at their plants.

30. Sincere thanks to the Hawaiian Association for their beautiful flowers.

The committee wishes to extend its thanks and appreciation to anyone else who helped make this convention a success. The committee wishes to give the Board of Trustees the right to add any resolutions they see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

BILLIE BERT JESSEE, Kansas
(Chairman)

RALPH BOYD, California

LAVERNE SCHUGAL, Minnesota

JOE ALLEY, W. Va.

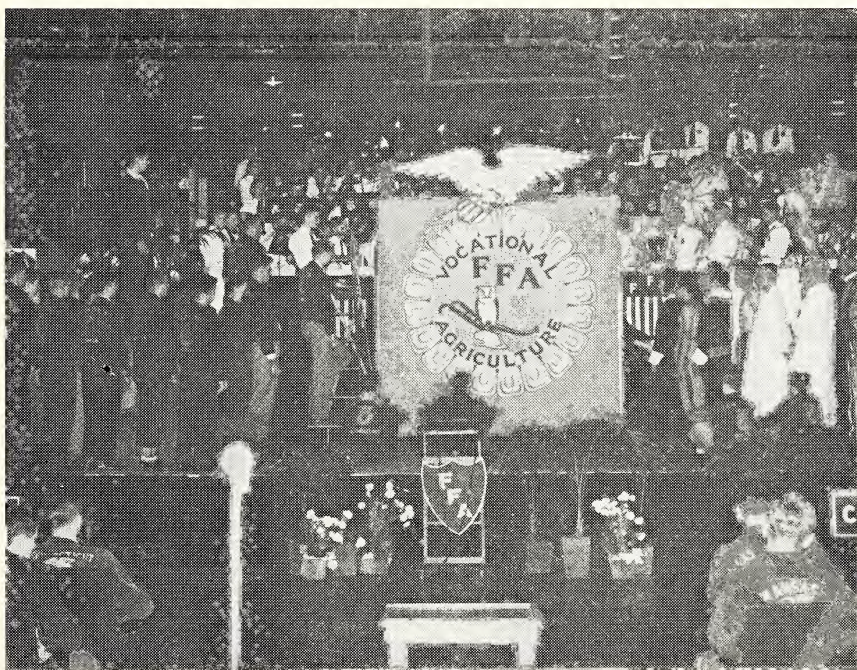
GLENN ALLEN CLOUSE, Pa.

JERRY MEASEL, Arkansas

DON FUQUA, Fla.

RICHARD M. DAVIDSON, Mont.

ROLAND SCHAWANKE, S. Dak.



Building of the F.F.A. Emblem Ceremony—presented by
the New York Association.

Special Resolutions

RESOLUTION

of Board of Trustees
of Future Farmers of America,
a Virginia Corporation

Whereas the Congress of the United States passed Public Law No. 740, approved by the President of the United States on the 30th day of August, 1950, granting to the Future Farmers of America a Federal charter on condition that the present Virginia corporation be dissolved within one year of the date of enactment of said law; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, it is deemed advisable and of great benefit to the Future Farmers of America that the Federal charter be accepted;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,
That the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America, a Virginia corporation, deems it advisable and for the benefit of the corporation that said corporation be dissolved and the same is hereby dissolved; and that notice of the adoption of this resolution shall be given forthwith to the several State associations chartered by the corporation and of the fact that this resolution will be presented to the delegates of said chartered State associations for their information and consideration at the National Convention to be held at Kansas City, Mo. in October, 1950; and

Further Resolved, That William T. Spanton, Washington, District of Columbia; Herbert B. Swanson, Washington, District of Columbia; R. Edward Naugher, Arlington, Virginia; Elmer J. Johnson, Arlington, Virginia; Rodolph D. Anderson, Columbia, South Carolina; Earl H. Little, Concord, New Hampshire; Bert L. Brown, Olympia, Washington; and Ralph A. Howard, Columbus, Ohio, should be and they hereby are directed to proceed with and do and perform all things necessary to perfect the organization of the Future Farmers of America under the charter granted by Public Law No. 740, approved by the President of the United States on the 30th day of August, 1950; and

Further Resolved, That upon completion of the organization of the Future Farmers of America under its Federal charter, and upon said corporation discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all the obligations and liabilities of the Virginia corporation, the National Adviser and the Executive Secretary of the Future Farmers of America, a Virginia corporation, be and they hereby are authorized, empowered, and directed to

convey to said newly organized corporation all of the property real, personal and mixed, registered trademarks, contracts, and other rights and interests of which the Future Farmers of America, a Virginia corporation, is now or then may be possessed, and to execute all documents and perform each and every act necessary to complete the dissolution of this corporation and the transfer of its assets to the Federally chartered corporation.

Further Resolved, That the first National Convention of the Future Farmers of America under the charter granted by Public Law No. 740 be held in 1951 at a date and place to be fixed by the board of directors of said corporation, or in case of a national emergency preventing the holding of a convention in that year, that it be held at the earliest date thereafter which is deemed appropriate by said board of directors; and that at such first National Convention the board of directors shall present for ratification the by-laws of said Federally chartered corporation.

Dated at Kansas City, Mo., this 12th day of October, 1950.

W. T. SPANTON
A. W. TENNEY
DOWELL J. HOWARD
GEORGE LEWIS
J. ROGERS FIKE
JOSEPH B. KING, JR.
MERRIL T. CARTWRIGHT
GLENN F. LACKEY
DONALD BAKEHOUSE
DOYLE E. CONNER



Dudley M. Clements

The national organization of the Future Farmers of America convened at the Twenty-third National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, October 9-12, 1950 in recognition of the long and untiring services of Dudley M. Clements, Assistant Chief Agricultural Education Service, United States Office of Education, Washington, D. C., wishes to express its deep sense of personal loss in his passing from our midst to eternal rest and its sincerest appreciation for his most valuable services as a member of the National Future Farmers of America Advisory Council.

Mr. Clements from the beginning of the national organization devoted much of his personal time and energy to the welfare of all

its members and through his unusual vision and diligence has been the promoter of activities for constructive growth of the organization, most recently of which was his untiring efforts toward the successful passing by Congress of a law granting a Federal Charter to the Future Farmers of America.

His warm heart and enduring qualities of affection won the deepest respect of all those with whom he came in contact.

Be it therefore resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Dudley M. Clements, the Tennessee State Association of Future Farmers of America and that it be recorded in the proceedings of this convention.



Henry C. Groseclose

The national organization of the Future Farmers of America convened at the Twenty-third National Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, October 9-12, 1950 in recognition of the inspiration and services of Henry C. Groseclose, Blacksburg, Virginia, the first National Treasurer, Future Farmers of America, wishes to express its loss in the death of one of the founders of our national organization.

Mr. Groseclose's pioneer work with the Future Farmers of Virginia attracted national attention which resulted in a meeting of a group of prominent leaders in Vocational Agriculture at which time a constitution was formulated and the now great national organization of Future Farmers of America was launched. An or-

ganization of thousands of farm boys, steadily growing in size and purpose, an organization of, by and for boys studying vocational agriculture honors the name of Henry C. Groseclose as one of its founders.

His wide vision of the interests and needs of farm youth will live forever in the hearts and minds of farm boys in this and other countries of the world.

Be it therefore resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Henry C. Groseclose, the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America and that it be recorded in the proceedings of this convention.

National Student Officer Reports

Report of the National President

What is this organization called F.F.A.? What does it do? Who belongs? What makes an F.F.A. member unique from a non-member farm boy? What can I get out of it? Why join? In the Fall of 1944 these questions faced me for I was a 14-year-old farm boy ready to enter high school. I joined the F.F.A. not fully realizing the significance of the answers to these questions.



GEORGE LEWIS
President

Five years transpired and then one year ago today, I accepted the gavel from the National President, Doyle Connor, again not realizing all that serving as your National President meant and would mean to me in the year ahead.

My official F.F.A. duties commenced with a most pleasant task—that of presenting past officers certificates and pins to the outgoing group of National Officers—a very fine and capable group who clearly demonstrated they were “living to serve.” This was followed by officially adjourning the 22nd Annual Convention. The 2 days following the convention included many such activities as having news reel pictures taken with Doyle Connor and Kenneth England, Star Farmer of 1949; appearing on NBC’S National Farm and Home Hour Radio Broadcast at noon time; presiding at the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Banquet given in the evening, honoring the Judging Contestants along with the past and New National Officers, and witnessing the opening of the American Royal by viewing the great American Royal Parade.

There being no necessity of hurrying back to Illinois after the convention, having dropped out of the University of Illinois so that I might better serve the F.F.A., I stopped on my way home from Kansas City in Greenville, Illinois, and visited 2 days with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cheatham. Kenneth was Star American Farmer of 1948.

The remainder of October and the month of November was spent helping Dad as much as possible with the soybean and corn harvest amid accepting many invitations to speak to local chapter banquets, high school groups and civic clubs.

I gained an impressive insight into the valuable work being carried on through the National Safety Council by visiting their

officers in Chicago, December 1, and was then invited to the Stevens Hotel to attend as a guest the final award banquet of the National 4-H Club Congress.

I am pleased with the fine relationship the 4-H and F.F.A. have together and I was later equally impressed with the good relations we enjoy with the Boy Scouts, Rural Youth, Young Farmers groups and other farm youth organizations. If we are to have a strong and United Agriculture tomorrow—we must have farm young people strongly united today in one purpose for better rural living.

The Chicago trip was followed by attending the Consumers Cooperative Association Convention held in this auditorium. Activities included speaking to the Educational Section of the Convention, and helping Stanley Dreyer, the 4-H Club Representative, to light the candles on the beautiful 21 tier cake, celebrating the 21st birthday of C.C.A. Visiting Coop factories and hearing the Secretary of Agriculture, Charles Brannan, address the Convention were other highlights as was the experience of driving through Kansas City in the evening during the Christmas season.

January 8 found me back in Chicago where I served on a committee to plan the youth program of the American Institute of Cooperation. The following 3 days were spent attending the annual convention of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

My activities were many and varied for the next two weeks, including many local chapter functions and addressing the American Business Men's Clubs at Danville, Illinois. While in Danville, I visited with Mr. Bob Romack, Editor of the American Farm Youth magazine.

With great expectation, I boarded T. W. A. for Washington, D. C. to attend our first National Board of Trustees Meeting and Officers' Training School, for January 26 may have well marked the beginning of the most tiring—yet inspiring—3 weeks of my life. Our first day in the Federal Security Agency Building, home of the National F.F.A. office, was spent in attending a meeting of the F.F.A. Foundation, Inc. It was with a sense of admiration and respect that we witnessed the many expressions of sincere interest and concern in the Future Farmers of America by company officials supporting the Foundation along with the election of Mr. John Kraft, President of Kraft Foods Company, as Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

The American Farm Film Foundation completed our first day in the Nation's Capitol with a banquet in the evening.

No description of the following 6 days would be adequate. Along with a very extensive and well planned officers training course with Mr. Tenney as teacher, our days were full of highlights. We visited the Mt. Vernon Estate, the National F.F.A. Camp, the headquarters of the Future Farmer Supply Service. We National officers were highly impressed with the growing efficiency of the Supply Service. I feel much credit is due Mr. O'Brien, Manager, and

the National Office for the many obstacles they have overcome in making the Supply Service truly a service to F.F.A. members.

The week's activities got underway in earnest the next day with a banquet given by Mr. McMillen, Editor of the Farm Journal. Events followed in rapid succession during the week, lunch with Mr. John Davis and officials of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives in the Brookings Institute followed by an appointment and discussion with the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Charles Brannan. I then visited the offices of the American Farm Bureau Federation. We were privileged to visit the International officers of the F.A.O. where we discussed many problems of Agriculture with Mr. Raymond Miller and his associates. The National Grange invited us for supper where we met and talked quite at length with Mr. Albert Goss concerning the agricultural situation.

Thursday was a very memorable day as we were luncheon guests of Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, majority leader of the Senate. Attending the luncheon aside from the national officers were Vice-President Alben Barkley, the senators from each of the officers' home states and the Office of Education staff. After the luncheon Senator Lucas gave us a personally conducted tour throughout the Capitol Building. We boarded the train that night for Baltimore where we were banquet guests of the American Oil Company. We were honored the next day with an invitation to dinner by Senator Harry Darby.

We arose at 5:30 on the morning of February 6 to commence our national officer Public Relations Tour of donors to the Foundation, accompanied by Mr. Tenney and Mr. Farrar. Lancaster, Pa., was our first stop where we were met by officials of the New Holland Machine Corporation. From there we motored to New Holland and toured their plant. Then, we went on to Philadelphia, there being the guest of Mr. Bob Reed, Editor of "Country Gentlemen." After touring the outstanding points of interest in Philadelphia we were guests of "Country Gentlemen" for an evening banquet.

We went to New York City the next morning where we visited the ABC Radio Station and prepared several radio transcriptions for future broadcasts; had dinner with the DeLaval Separator Co. and visited with officials of Allied Chemical. U. S. Tire and Rubber Co. gave us a banquet supper and then took us to see a stage show. February 8, was another full day, visiting with officials of Esso Standard Oil and attending the 40th Annual Boy Scout Celebration Dinner for scouts of Greater New York City. We were met in Schenectady the next day by General Electric Officials and were their guests for the entire day. That day we also appeared on the G. E. Television Show. The preceding day was spent in Akron, Ohio as guests of Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., with Mr. R. C. Firestone and Mr. Harvey Firestone, Jr. as special hosts. February 11, we visited the Firestone Homestead and the Ohio State F.F.A. Camp.

An air trip over Cleveland, courtesy of Republic Steel, tours of the plants and facilities of both the Republic Steel Corporation and the Eaton Manufacturing Co. fully occupied the following two days. February 14 found us visiting the Dearborn Tractor plant in Detroit, Ford's car assembly line, steel and rolling mills, and having dinner in the Dearborn Inn. We took the bus over into Windsor, Canada, that evening so we might say we had been in Canada. General Motors, Kresge Co., and the Ferguson Company were next on our tour.

We arrived in Chicago February 16 to visit with officials of the Ingersol Steel Company, tour the Museum of Science and Industry and have lunch with officials of International Harvester, and also visit in the general offices of Armour and Co. We met with officials of Standard Oil of Indiana and were taken to the Wayne King Television show.

Mr. John Kraft, President of Kraft Foods, International Chemical Co., Sears Roebuck, the Oliver Corp. and Swift and Co. were our hosts the next day. Officials of Quaker Oats Co. were breakfast hosts on February 18. At noon that day, Rogers and I appeared on the NBC National Farm and Home Hour.

Our last stop on the tour was Minneapolis where the State F.F.A. Association had arranged a full two days of activities including a reception where we had the honor of meeting many local F.F.A. members from the Twin City section of Minnesota. The Portland Cement Co., Archer Daniels Milling Co., the St. Croix Garment Co. and the Midland Cooperative Wholesale were among the companies making our stay in Minneapolis most enjoyable. We were also guests of General Mills and Pillsbury Mills.

As Minneapolis was our last stop on the tour, we national officers parted for our homes weary but wealthy with added insights and a better knowledge of industrial affairs. The officials of the various companies and corporations presented to us the present scope and problems of industry; we in turn were provided ample opportunity to relate the story of agriculture, especially as it pertains to the younger generation. This mutual get-together enabled us to gain a broader concept of industry and see the sincere interest such companies and officials are showing in farm youth.

Soon upon arrival home I was winging my way back to Washington, D. C. with Mr. Walter Lloyd of Kraft Foods Co. for a visit to the White House and an appointment with the President of the United States. I accompanied Mr. John Kraft on the visit with President Truman.

I attended F.F.A. banquets during the next two weeks and spoke to the Central Regional Conference of Vo-Ag supervisors and teacher trainers.

The Michigan Convention held at East Lansing was the first convention on my schedule. After attending their well attended and conducted convention I flew back to Washington to participate on

the advisory council of the Mid-century White House Conference for Children and Youth. Attendance at the Indiana and Missouri conventions followed, both of which proved to be very valuable and inspirational.

April 26 found me back in Hersman attending our local Parent-and-Son banquet. Mr. John Kraft displayed his keen interest in local F.F.A. work by being the featured speaker on the program after visiting F. F. A. projects throughout the county in the afternoon.

The following day I flew to Columbus, Ohio to attend the Key Club International Youth Organization of the Kiwanis Club. I attended their convention as a fraternal delegate and then visited a section of the Ohio Youth Commission where I met Phil Shober, past national student secretary, acting Chairman of the Commission appointed by Governor Lausche. I spent May 10-13 attending the New York Convention—commendable in every respect. March 31 found me back in New York along with Rogers attending the Dedication Ceremonies for the National Dairy Research Laboratory. After arriving home I immediately left for the Kentucky convention, followed by my home state convention of Illinois. June 19-22 were spent en route and attending the Virginia convention. Soon after that I attended the Texas convention which in turn was followed by our second Board of Trustees meeting in Washington. That week was spent largely in reviewing candidates for the American Farmer degree plus a visit to Ambassador Kauffmann of the Danish Embassy. We also visited with Clark Davis of DuPont, Earl McGrath, Commissioner of Education and a luncheon in the Vandenburg Room of the Capitol with Senator and Mrs. Darby of Kansas and several other U. S. Senators. This luncheon came during the day after the senate had passed the bill to incorporate the F.F.A. under Federal Charter. We were honored by being invited to sit in the Senate balcony and were introduced to the Senate who had just the day before passed the bill pertaining to F.F.A. Other activities were being guests of Mr. Stern, President of the American Institute of Cooperation, attending a night session of the Maryland F.F.A. Convention and visiting Dale Hess, past national second vice-president.

From Washington, I flew to Texas where I was met in El Paso and driven to the New Mexico convention. It was possible to work in a short visit to Juarez, Mexico while in the Southwest. I attended the American Institute of Cooperation held in Stillwater, Oklahoma and presided over the youth section, plus serving as master-of-ceremonies for the Southern Regional Public Speaking finals.

I was back in the twin cities of Minnesota, September 4, to attend the American Country Life Conference and preside over one of the general sessions which included the finals for the Central Regional Public Speaking Contest. Following the conference I had the pleasure of visiting overnight with Don on their farm in Owatonna. I spoke to several F.F.A. leadership camps and con-

ferences after arriving home from St. Paul and then drove here to Kansas City a week early to attend my third and final Board of Trustees meeting prior to this convention. This now completes the account of my activities up to the opening of our 23rd national convention.

A summary of my activities is as follows:

Radio broadcasts	42
State conventions	10
Speeches made	184
F.F.A. Banquets and chapter meetings	62
Board of Trustees meetings	3
Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	219
Expense to F.F.A. (approx.)	\$1,524.27

I regret not having time to elaborate further into my reflections of the State conventions attended. A gain of 40,000 members during this past year is highly significant. But, I know the other national officers share the feeling with me that by visiting the various state conventions, we have seen on every hand, not only an increase in numbers, but we became widely conscious of the increase in meaningfulness and usefulness the F.F.A. is becoming to each individual member.

Written or spoken tributes can never express the feeling of gratitude I have for the many people who each contributed in making this year so full and pleasant; and experience that shall remain indelible with me for the years that are ahead.

It is not enough to just say thanks to you Mr. Tenney, Dr. Spanton, John Farrar, Irene, Nancy and all the other Educational staff members for the associations we have had together during this past year.

Words are inadequate in an attempt to express appreciation to my State Adviser, Mr. Hill; State Executive Secretary, Mr. Adams, Asst. State Supervisor, Mr. Proctor and other State staff members, both in Springfield and at the University of Illinois, for their cooperation and ready willingness to help.

Special thanks and appreciation go to my Vo-Ag teacher, Mr. H. L. Price for his untiring efforts of guiding me throughout the past six years.

My heartfelt thanks go also to many other relatives, teachers, and close friends who have continually thrown out lifesavers along the way at times when the sea would commence to toss and roll.

No person here can ever know the real joy it has been to work with Rogers, Joe, Merril, Glenn and Don during this past year. To you, national officers, I say—a job well done and I wish you every continued success in the work and life ahead.

A contestant participating in the National Judging Contest in Waterloo last year was asked by an interested person: "What is your father doing while you are away attending all these contests?"

The immediate reply from the contestant was: "Why he is home making hay." "That's what I thought," remarked the inquirer, "Dad at home making hay while the son shines." I didn't do any shining this year, but my mother and father, brother and sisters pitched in and made hay at home while it has been necessary for me to be away on numerous occasions. It so often happens that the family shoulders the hardest task of a fellow being a national officer and it was certainly true in my case. You have no conception of the inspiration and joy you gave my dad as you presented him with the Honorary American Farmer Degree; and mother was just as proud. Here is one fellow who knows they deserved it.

Now, as never before, the answers to those questions which concerned me at the offset of my F.F.A. career come to me clearly and distinctly.

What is this organization known as the F.F.A.? Why is it a national organization of just about the best farm boys on earth? What makes an F.F.A. member different from other farm boys? Their faith in the future of agriculture and their application of practical leadership in channels of service in their communities.

You are fortunate in having the opportunities to participate in the activities of the F.F.A. During the years ahead I hope you will strive to attain the highest objectives of our organization and that you will be successful in all of your endeavors. I am confident "all will be well" in the future for the Future Farmers of America.

May God bless each of you as you

"Learn to do
And do to learn,
As you earn to live
And live to serve."

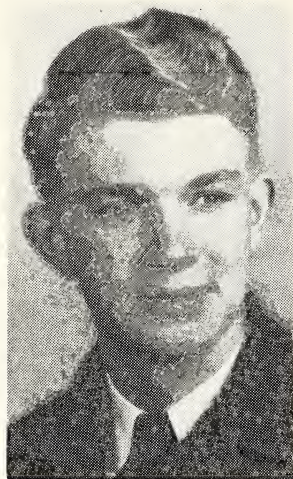
Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LEWIS, National President

Report of the National First Vice-President

It seems but a short six years since I enrolled in Vo-Ag and F.F.A. with the rest of the fellows in my class. I think I felt smaller than some of the other fellows and wondered if I would complete Vo-Ag. But, I continued my work, making some failures, until one day I along with my Vo-Ag teacher and two other F.F.A. members from my chapter decided to attend a national convention. It was then that I got my first real meaning of the F.F.A. I admired the national officers and only hoped that I too could contribute more to the F.F.A. than I had. I went back home with a new determination to do my best and after some time was elected State President. I again came to the national convention as a delegate from my state

last year. While attending that convention last year it was a great honor and one that I knew was a large responsibility, but I have tried to serve you my best in the past year as your national first vice-president.



J. ROGERS FIKE
First Vice-President

After being elected to a national office I returned home last year to catch up with some farm work and take care of various F.F.A. activities in my home state. I also served as State President of West Virginia during this same term of office.

On January 27, I journeyed to Washington, D. C. to attend our leadership training school. I then went with the other national officers on a public relations tour, visiting many of the large manufacturing centers of our country. I arrived home February 22.

On March 3, I went to Washington, D. C. to represent the F.F.A. as a member of the planning committee for the National Conference on Citizenship. During March I also attended several banquets, visiting chapters, and attended our state ham, bacon and egg show and sale.

March 22-26, I attended my first state convention as a national officer. I journeyed to Massachusetts where I had a very enjoyable time with the fellows.

April and May found me attending many meetings within the state and acting as a judge for contests.

May 31-June 4, I enjoyed a very interesting trip to New York and a tour through the National Dairy Research Laboratories on Long Island. The purpose of this meeting was the dedication of the laboratories. This trip was made possible to George and I by the Kraft Foods Company.

May 24-28 I spent an enjoyable time attending the New Hampshire State Convention.

June 13-23, found me attending the Pennsylvania and Maine State conventions. I really had a pleasant time while there. Between these conventions I spent a week end with Mr. Earl Little, State Adviser of the New Hampshire Association. We spent the time in a cabin on a lake in New Hampshire. That experience I will never forget.

July 18-25, I was helping make plans and attending my home State convention. July 26-28, I was at our summer meeting in Washington, D. C. with the other national officers and Doyle Conner, past national president.

August 10-12, I was on my way to and from the North Carolina State convention. While there I had a very enjoyable time.

August 22-27, I journeyed to and attended a very interesting State convention in Vermont.

September 19-24, I attended the Eastern States Exposition and presided over the North Atlantic Regional Public Speaking Contest.

October 1-15 finds me here in Kansas City about to complete my duties as your national first vice-president.

Following is a summary of my report:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.	146
Radio broadcasts	20
State Conventions	7
National Board of Trustees meetings ...	3
Total Expense to F.F.A. (approx.)	\$1,135.00

Fellows this has been one of the most enjoyable years in my life and it is you who have made it possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, all the national staff, my fellow national officers, my state staff, my Vo-Ag teacher, Mr. John Unger, who has always advised me for the good, my parents and family who have kept the farm going in my absence and encouraged me to continue in my work, and all who have helped me along.

Fellow Future Farmers I challenge each of you to set your goals high, drive your stakes deep and take advantage of opportunities which will arise.

In conclusion may God bless the Future Farmers of America as He has in the past in building a stronger leadership, in developing a cooperation between all people and in making each of us a better American citizen.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROGERS FIKE, National 1st
Vice-President

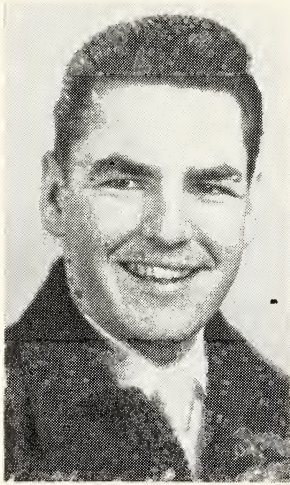
Report of the National Second Vice-President

When I was elected a national vice-president of the Future Farmers of America on October 13, 1949, I resolved to put all my effort and ability into being an outstanding officer. I shall never forget the experiences and opportunities afforded me through the greatest organization in the world—the Future Farmers of America.

Immediately upon leaving the national convention, I went to Arizona to spend two weeks with Star American Farmer, Kenneth England and the Arizona F.F.A. I can truly say that Kenneth is an outstanding representative of our organization.

When I returned to California I found many invitations to speak at local chapter banquets and Future Farmer functions

throughout the Western States. After attending many of these affairs, I was honored to represent the F.F.A. at the National Grange Convention in Sacramento, California. These people have a true interest in our organization and are eager to work with us.



JOE KING
Second Vice-President

In early January I met with the California Future Farmer Executive Committee and helped them to lay plans toward our State Convention. On January 19th, I left for Washington, D. C. to meet with the other national officers and our staff at the Federal Security Agency. After a leadership training conference we went as a group on the public relations tour.

I sincerely wish that every Future Farmer could have been on this tour to see the keen interest that business and industry have in our organization.

Immediately upon returning home from the public relations tour, I started again to attend meetings of cooperative organizations and business firms, as well as F.F.A. activities. On March 19th, I left for the Washington State Convention where I saw an outstanding group of boys in action. From the Washington Convention,

I went to Oregon and witnessed a most thrilling three days with that association. I had a chance to visit some chapters in Oregon, Washington and Idaho between the time of the Oregon State Convention and the one in Idaho, which started March 30th. After spending a day and a half at a good convention in Idaho, I flew to Utah. Utah also had a well-run State meeting.

The next morning I left for San Francisco to spend three days at the Grand National Junior Livestock Show where Future Farmers from most Western States exhibit. The Future Farmers did a fine job in representing our rural communities.

Upon leaving the Grand National Junior Livestock Show, I went to Overton, Nevada for their good State meeting. Two days after arriving in Nevada, I left for the Wyoming State Convention at Casper. From Wyoming I went to Bozeman, Montana for their five day convention. Bill Michael, past national vice-president, was in attendance during some of the sessions and made an excellent talk at the State banquet. After the convention, I spent half a day in helping to train the new state officers. I then spent six days touring the State of Montana and speaking at many of the local chapters.

When I finished this tour, I flew to Los Angeles to talk at the Southern Regional meeting of the California F.F.A. Association. I travelled from Los Angeles to Petaluma for my local chapter banquet.

I continued a like itinerary until June 4, when I left for the Colorado State Convention in the Rocky Mountains. After three days in this unique setting, I flew to Salt Lake City for the National Inter-Mountain Junior Livestock Show and then returned to my home. I worked throughout the State until July 18th, when I left for Washington, D. C. and a meeting of the National Board of Trustees, which was in session from July 24th until the 28th. From the Washington meeting, I traveled south with Doyle Connor and Merrill Cartwright, visiting the Georgia State Convention. While I was in Georgia, I visited with the American Turpentine Farmers' Association which is a donor to the Future Farmers of America Foundation. These people were most hospitable and are true friends of the F.F.A. On my way home I stopped over for the Louisiana Convention, which lasted four memorable days. My next official stop was the Arizona State Convention. John Nott, Young Farmer from England, and I had an enjoyable visit with the Arizona Future Farmers. From Arizona I travelled to Salt Lake City, Utah for the National Ram Sale. I travelled directly home from Salt Lake City to be at the California State Fair and State Judging Contest. Immediately following the State Fair, I represented the F.F.A. at the Governor's Conference on Youth Welfare. From this conference, I went to our State F.F.A. Convention.

Summary of Activities:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.	298
Radio broadcasts	48
Speeches made	236
Conventions attended	13
F.F.A. banquets	26
Civic gatherings and Student Bodies spoken to	45
Local chapters visited	94
Expenses	(approx.) \$1,614.43

Now I am on my way out as a National Vice-President and I would like to say that it would be impossible to single out any persons other than my mother and father and brothers to pay tribute to, for their untiring efforts in backing me. It seems that everyone with whom I have come in contact since I became a Future Farmer, has done much to help me on the road to success. I wish to express to every Future Farmer of America my appreciation for making the F.F.A. the best organization in the world and most of all, electing me a National Officer. It has been a great honor to represent you throughout this past year.

May God forever guide our great organization so you may continue towards higher goals.

Respectfully submitted,

JOE KING, National 2nd Vice-President

Report of the National Third Vice-President

FELLOW FUTURE FARMERS AND FRIENDS:

I attended my first National F.F.A. Convention back in 1946, and at that time, little did I dream of the impression that it would mold for my future life. Just being present at that convention and seeing business transacted by boys of my own caliber made me realize the importance of our organization.



MERRIL T. CARTWRIGHT
Third Vice-President

Returning home from Kansas City in 1946, a dream that "one day I too could be a national officer," was in the back of my mind. Last year that dream became a reality when I was elected third vice-president of the Future Farmers of America.

Upon returning home I immediately began speaking to different civic and social organizations as well as local chapter banquets throughout North Mississippi and Alabama. Also, through the hurry and confusion, I somehow managed to complete my final semester of sophomore work in college.

On January 25, I left home and boarded a train for Washington, D. C., where I attended a week's school of leadership training along with the other national officers.

On Sunday, February 5, we left Washington and began a public relations tour which carried us to visit most of the donors to the F.F.A. Foundation. This trip rendered experiences that I had never dreamed possible and ones that I shall never forget.

Our tour was terminated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, near Don's home town of Owatonna; and flying back from there to Memphis, Tennessee, I arrived in Booneville, Mississippi, the evening of February 21, just two hours before my local chapter banquet was to be held. Of course, I didn't need two hours to prepare that speech.

From the middle of February until the first of May, my time was utilized by radio broadcasts, chapter banquets, chapter visits, and civic club appearances.

On Tuesday, May 2, 1950, I left for Stillwater, Oklahoma to attend the Oklahoma State Convention. There, I witnessed one of the most outstanding conventions that I have ever seen carried out.

Returning from Oklahoma in time to catch up with some of my farm work, I was at home until May 29, at which time I left for Jonesboro, Arkansas, to attend the Arkansas State Convention, which was carried out in a wonderful manner.

Returning from Arkansas by way of my home, I made my way to Auburn, Alabama, June 8, for the Alabama State Convention. It

was there that I observed one of the best Hill-Billy Band Contests that I have ever seen and also a top-notch convention.

The following week of June 9, found me at State College, Mississippi, attending my own state convention and seeing again my many goods friends.

June 26, I journeyed to Gainesville, Florida. There I was met by past national president Doyle Conner, and together we were present when a great state carried out a great Future Farmers of America Convention. I was also privileged to visit the home of Hal and Forrest Davis, candidates for the American Farmer Degree.

On July 18, I again left home on a rather extended trip, my first destination being Clemson, South Carolina. There, I was greeted by the state officers and executive secretary, and for the next three days was engaged in a most outstanding convention.

Friday, July 21, past president Doyle Conner picked me up in Clemson and together we motored to Washington, D. C. for the Advisory Council meetings. This week was fully utilized by the national officers talking over our year's experiences and working with Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, the Advisory Council and others of Dr. Spanton's staff.

The following week of July 31, carried Joe King, Doyle Conner, Mr. Tenney, and myself to the Georgia State F.F.A. Convention, located at their beautiful Future Farmer Camp at Covington. Here I saw an outstanding association carrying on a splendid convention.

Leaving the Georgia Convention a day early, I visited several donors to the F.F.A. Foundation on my way home. I was also privileged to have Joe King spend the week end with me, or rather a part of the week end because Sunday morning bright and early, Joe and I left for Memphis, Tennessee, from where we were to fly to Lafayette, Louisiana.

While in Louisiana, we witnessed an outstanding convention, and particularly did Joe witness an outstanding Queen Contest. Returning from Louisiana by way of Gulfport, Mississippi, I attended the last two days of the Mississippi Vocational Agricultural Teachers Convention, and also met the new state officers in Mississippi. This was my last official trip to state conventions.

On September 1, 1950, I again departed on a Future Farmer Journey—this being a life long task. Although this trip was unofficial and with no expenses paid, I regard my marriage to Miss Laura Illeen Windham, an official F.F.A. assignment because our life together is going to be that of a Future Farmer and his wife working together for a bigger and better F.F.A.

On Thursday, September 7, I again enrolled at Mississippi State College where I am now a junior studying Agricultural Education and my dream is to become an F.F.A. Chapter Adviser some day.

The following is a summary of my activities for the past year:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.	109
Speeches made	78
Radio broadcasts	42
State conventions attended	8
Total expenses (approx.)	\$850.00

Today, as I glance back at that convention of '46, and the work that I have done in F.F.A. since that time, it seems as if only a few short weeks have elapsed, but progress is not measured so much with time as with service. Today, all my activities in Future Farmer work fuse together in a union, and make up a mile-post that I have long dreamed of reaching.

And, now, one of the hardest tasks that I have ever performed is the bringing to a close this report. Truly, I do not have words at my disposal to express my feeling at this time. My tenure of service may have been feeble, but to me, it has been the greatest joy and honor that I shall ever receive.

I would like to pay tribute to my parents who have made all my achievements possible; and, also, to a special friend who has guided and steered my career as a Future Farmer, my one and only Ag teacher, Mr. Homer W. Parker.

To Mr. A. P. Fatherree, my State Adviser, Mr. A. E. Strain, Executive Secretary and Mr. E. W. Holmes, my own district supervisor, I shall ever be thankful for their capable assistance in steering my career as an F.F.A. member.

To my wife, you have been a most capable secretary; and to my brother officers, you shall always have a spot in my heart.

To Mr. A. W. Tenney; Dr. W. T. Spanton, and his staff, my respect and admiration for their living examples of the type of Christian manhood the F.F.A. is trying to develop.

To everybody within the sound of my voice and to every Future Farmer throughout the world, may God bless you and yours.

Respectfully submitted,

MERRIL T. CARTWRIGHT,
National 3rd Vice-President.

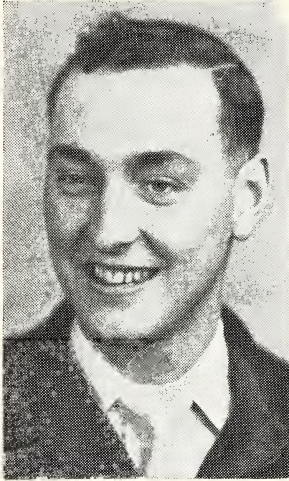
Report of the National Fourth Vice-President

I now realize how fortunate I am to have experienced six outstanding years of invaluable opportunities offered by the F.F.A. My last year as an active member of our organization has provided twelve interesting, thrilling and educational months. My dreams of the past have come to rest in the reality of serving you as a national officer.

After the convention last fall I returned home to complete the

fall quarter at Ohio State University. Along with my school work I attended various F.F.A. meetings and banquets within the State.

The first three weeks of January I attended several more F.F.A. meetings, a meeting of the executive committee of the Ohio F.F.A. Association, and was privileged to address the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.



GLEN LACKEY
Fourth Vice-President

My first out of state trip as a national officer came when I went to Washington, D. C. on January 26 to attend the annual officer-training school and go on the public relations tour. I arrived home on the 25th of February to find that my speaking schedule for the next six weeks was to include nineteen F.F.A. Parent-and-Son Banquets.

On April 26, I attended my first out-of-State convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. While there I had the privilege of addressing the assembly twice. Don Jorgensen, Iowa State President, and his fellow officers are to be commended on their efficiently conducted convention. I was also impressed by the extensive amount of participation that local chapter members had in the proceedings of the different sessions.

At the close of the Iowa State meeting I flew to Manhattan, to attend the Kansas State convention. The Kansas Future Farmers did a marvelous job in handling the convention, and they can be proud of their award banquet which was attended by 1,100 Future Farmers.

Most of my time in May was spent on the farm planting our crops.

The Ohio F.F.A. Association held its convention on June 1, 2 and 3. One of the highlights of our convention was our first all Ohio F.F.A. Band. This added pep and enthusiasm to each of the sessions.

On June 11, I boarded a plane at Columbus, Ohio to begin a three month adventure; exciting, thrilling and certainly one of the most educational experiences I have ever had. I was fortunate in being one of the four Future Farmers who had been selected to represent the F.F.A. on an exchange visit with four English young farmers.

The major part of my time during the summer was spent on the farms of various young farmers throughout England. I lived the life of an Englishman during that time which yielded a range of experiences from "tea in bed every morning" to "participating in a game of cricket." While staying on each farm we would visit other farms, historic places, factories, cathedrals, etc. We would do what the

English young farmers did—go to their community meetings, sing with them, eat with them, work with them and attend their social functions.

My travels took me into the countries of Newfoundland, Iceland, Ireland, Wales, England, Holland, the Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, and France.

The experiences I had during the summer are ones I shall never forget. I wish to say that it is inspiring to me to be a part of a program which results in creating a better international relationship between our farm youth organizations and also between our countries. This is the type of spirit and friendship that should exist the world over. I'm praying that someday the F.F.A. can send "ambassadors of good will" to more foreign countries—it is one of the best ways to obtain world peace. I now have a greater understanding, greater appreciation and admiration for my own country. My hearty thanks to the Future Farmers of America for sending me to England.

I arrived home from Europe on September 21. Between that time and this convention, I made several reports on the trip.

Following is an account of my experiences as a national officer:

Days spent in the interest of F.F.A.....	198
Radio broadcasts	26
State conventions	3
National Board of Trustees meetings.....	2
Speeches made	104
Chapters contacted	79
Foreign countries visited	8
Total expenses	(approx.) \$1,444.35

This convention probably marks the expiration of my active membership in the F.F.A. But, the memories and adventures incurred as a member will always be cherished. After returning home from here I will replace my blue corduroy F.F.A. jacket with a blue uniform of the United States Navy.

Many thanks to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney and their staff for the endless guidance and help given me.

Many thanks to C. R. Fridline, my F.F.A. Adviser, Warren G. Weiler, Ohio F.F.A. Executive Secretary, Ralph A. Howard, State supervisor, George, Rogers, Merril, Don and Joe; but most of all to Mother and Dad—without whose understanding help and encouragement my goals could not have been reached.

All my experiences in the F.F.A. have resulted in increasing my respect for the business of farming and my pride in being a farmer, and above all my love for country life.

Good Luck Future Farmers of America!

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN LACKEY,
National 4th Vice-President

Report of the National Student Secretary

Six years ago this fall, I first became a member of the Future Farmers of America. I had known Future Farmers in my community. Some of them had attained the State Farmer Degree and one of them had even received the American Farmer Degree. These accomplishments caused me to dream that some day I too could obtain that coveted degree. My dream came true at last year's convention when I received the American Farmer degree and was elected to serve as your national student secretary. Following last year's convention, I returned to my classes at the University of Minnesota to complete my fall quarter's work. However, I was frequently absent from class in order that I might attend many fine chapter banquets in my home State. Upon returning from one of these trips, one of my professors who realized the value of my training, urged me not to let the college interfere with my education. I didn't!

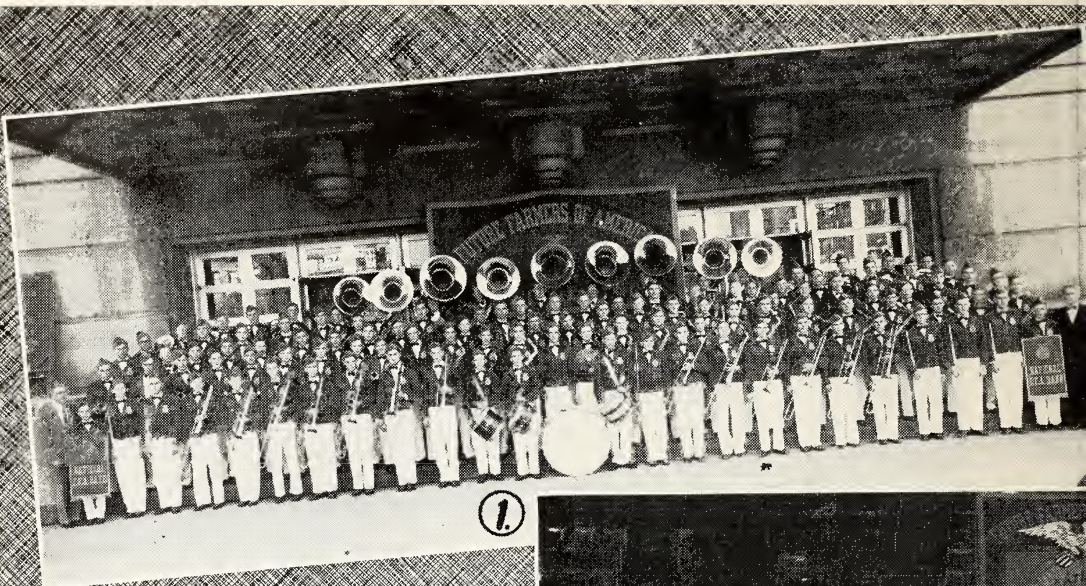


DONALD BAKEHOUSE
Secretary

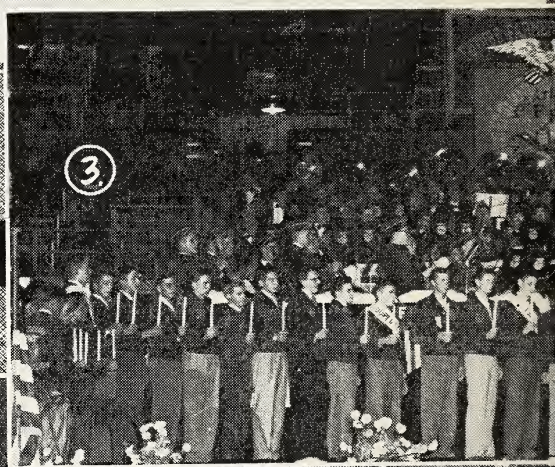
In the latter part of December I attended our State F.F.A. Mid-winter Executive meeting. On January 16, I travelled to the Twin Cities, this time to speak to the State Farm Bureau Convention. On January 26 I began my long awaited trip to Washington, D. C. to attend the meeting of the National Board of Trustees. After spending ten memorable days in the Capitol we left on our unforgettable public relations tour. I returned from this trip the 21st of February.

During March I talked to several civic and school bodies. I also attended the Governor's Second Conference on Youth. The first part of April I was busy on my dad's farm and also on the land which I had rented.

I attended the effective Nebraska Convention at Lincoln, April 16-18. Upon returning home I spent a busy week trying to finish up the planting on my land. However, once again I was forced to leave dad with more than his share of the work, for on April 23 I flew to Brookings, South Dakota to attend their fine convention. April 26, I left Brookings in order that I might attend the Midwest Conference on Rural Life and Education held at Minot, North Dakota. From Minot, I flew to Madison, Wisconsin on April 30. I was met by their state officers and travelled with them to Green Lake, Wisconsin, where they held their outstanding state convention. During May I attended our own State convention, where we were honored to have the Governor speak to us.



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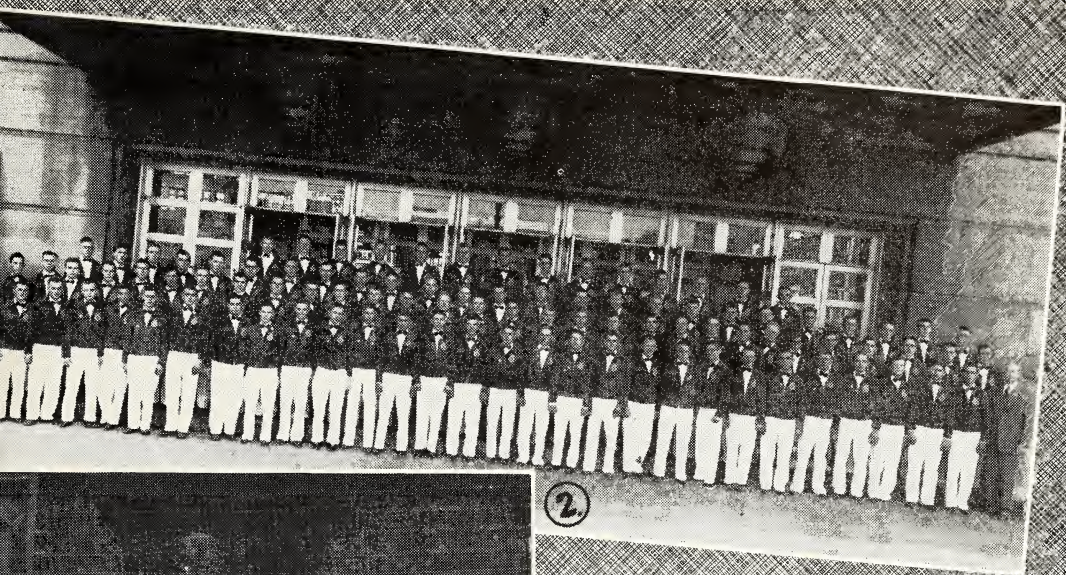


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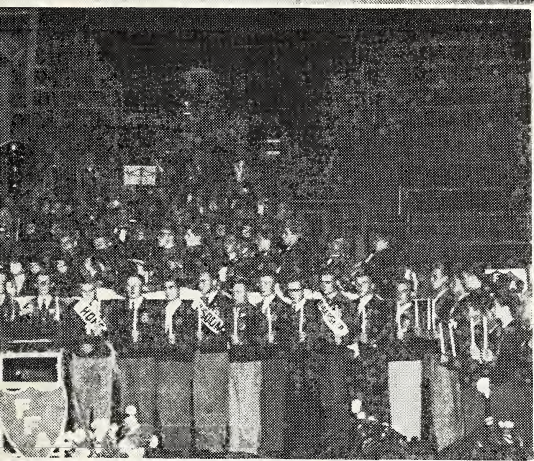
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4. Quincy, Fla., String Band

5. Corvallis Ore., String Band

During the latter part of May I spoke at chapter banquets and helped dad with farm work.

On June 13, I drove to Fargo where I visited with North Dakota Future Farmers at their successful state convention.

July 19, found me attending the West Virginia Convention. I spent four enjoyable days with West Virginia Future Farmers, so ably lead by my colleague, Rogers Fike. I then journeyed to Washington to attend the second meeting of the Board of Trustees. While in Washington the national officers travelled to the Maryland convention, where I was privileged to serve as a judge for their public speaking contest.

On October 4, I drove to Waterloo, Iowa where I served as the toastmaster at the Carnation Banquet given in honor of the F.F.A. judging teams at the cattle congress. I arrived in Kansas City October 6 to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees and to serve as your Student Secretary at this convention.

The following is a summary of my year's activities:

Days spent in the interest of F.F.A.	110
Speeches made	61
Radio broadcasts made	22
Expenses to F.F.A..... (approx.)	\$905
State conventions	7

It is impossible to appropriately express my thanks to the many people who have helped me during my F.F.A. career, and especially during the past year. It has been a real pleasure to have had the opportunity of working with Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney, and their fine staff. To Mr. Cochran, our State adviser, and Mr. Kortessmaki, our State executive secretary, I can only extend my humble thanks for their untiring efforts in my behalf. To Mr. Raines, my local adviser, I owe a debt which I can never hope to repay. His advice and inspiration will never be forgotten. This past year would never have been possible without the support of my two most loyal supporters—my parents. My only wish is that I can be as good a son to them as they have been parents to me.

Although my membership in the Future Farmers of America will soon end, the chain which has linked me to this great organization will never be broken. May the good Lord continue to favor the Future Farmers of America and help them in their endless task of training farm boys to be better citizens for their community and their country.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD BAKEHOUSE,
National Student Secretary

Report of National Executive Secretary

A. W. Tenney

The Future Farmers of America organization has achieved much since it was organized in 1928. We are all proud of the rapid growth in membership and the achievements of the organization during the past year. The work that is done by the F.F.A. is an excellent example of the results that are obtained by working together. Members of the F.F.A., teachers of vocational agriculture, State supervisors of agricultural education and members of the staff of the Office of Education have all worked shoulder to shoulder. We are indebted to our many friends from the field of business and organizations who have assisted us in many ways.

You have again attained new heights in the past year by having the largest membership on record. The following Report on Accomplishments for the year ended June 30, 1950 is indicative of the type and scope of work accomplished by our local chapters.

Report on Accomplishments

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	78.15%
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	53.26%
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	57.29% improved livestock 55.47% improved crops
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	90.48%
II. COOPERATION		
1. Cooperating with other groups on re-adjustment	100% chapter participation	89.97%
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	65.74%
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Assisting returning servicemen	100% member and chapter participation	62.31% chapters 17% members
2. Stress repairing and reconditioning of machinery	100% member and chapter participation	39.31% members 98.95% chapters
3. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State Associations with safety program	74%
4. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	45.79% members 73.73% chapters

5. Repairing farm buildings and equipment

100% member participation 41.24%

IV. LEADERSHIP

1. Advancing members to higher degrees

100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants 84%

2. Providing chapter libraries

100% of chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books 85.15%

3. Participating in public speaking

100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests 98% States
50.49% chapters

4. Following parliamentary procedure

100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure 92.48%

5. Building programs of work

100% of States and chapters with written continuing program of work giving special emphasis to reconversion 100% States
81% chapters

6. Providing State publications

100% of States with an official publication 84%

7. Providing leadership training

100% State participation 92%

8. Maintaining public relations

Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does 42.68% chapters issued news sheets or news letters
76.46% chapters prepared publicity material regularly
66% States sponsored radio series
35.66% chapters prepared and gave broadcasts

V. EARNING AND SAVINGS

1. Buying Government Bonds and Stamps

100% of chapters participating in Government Bond Drive 9.1%

2. Practicing thrift

100% of chapters and members participating 30.15% members
56.30% chapters

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

1. Using Official Manual

100% of members having access to Official Manual 90.17%

2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer Books

100% of members using both books 85.02% secretary's
81.81% treasurer's

3. Providing official meeting paraphernalia equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	94% States 82.93% chapters
4. Using official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	92.27%
5. Planning State Conventions	100% of State associations hold conventions	100%
6. Meetings	Every member attend 100% of chapter meetings	90.73% chapters held regular meetings 45.67% members attended

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	83.29% chapters helped members improve their scholarship
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VIII. RECREATION

1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% member participation	84.29%
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Week	100% of State associations participating	92%

IX. GENERAL

1. Maintaining membership	300,000 active members	319,261 members
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OFFICER TRAVEL

Your National F.F.A. Officers have rendered outstanding service to the national organization during the past year. All of these young men are actively engaged in farming. This has made it difficult for them to be away from the farm during the year. They will report to you on their activities during the convention. You will be interested to learn of the amount of time they have spent in F.F.A. activities and the contributions they have made.

STATE CONVENTIONS

I am pleased to inform you that all State associations held State conventions. The National F.F.A. Officers attended 43 of these conventions. Their reports have indicated good attendance and interesting achievements at these conventions.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Forty-six State associations held special leadership schools for local chapters and members. More than 42,000 members attended the leadership schools.

CAMPS

The National F.F.A. Camp was open on May 15 and closed September 10. The delegates at the convention last year authorized the sale of the national camp due to the fact that its use by members did not justify keeping it for camping purposes. After due consideration the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council recommended that we continue to operate the Future Farmers Supply Service from the national camp. Two of the large buildings at the camp are now occupied by the Supply Service. Further consideration will be given to this matter at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America Foundation in January. It is likely that the Supply Service will buy the camp from the F.F.A. and use it as permanent national headquarters. If this is done it may make it possible to continue to serve a limited number of chapters that wish to stay on this property when they visit Washington, D. C. If the Supply Service finds it necessary to utilize all of the buildings at the camp it will be possible to build some wooden platforms and erect Army type tents for use by F.F.A. chapters during the summer.

The George Washington Grist Mill, which is leased from the Virginia Conservation Commission is still being kept open to the public. A caretaker is kept on duty. The income is enough to pay for all of the expenses, maintenance and salary of the caretaker.

Twenty-seven Associations operated camps for members during the summer. This is an increase of six over last year. A number of other State associations are developing State camps.

NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

We received 84 reports on accomplishments in the National Chapter Contest for the year ended June 30, 1950. The reports indicate a continual improvement in the quality of work done by our F.F.A. chapters. This is shown by the increase in the number of Gold Emblem awards that will be given this year. The accomplishment reports of a number of our chapters are on exhibit in the Little Theater. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to review these outstanding reports.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

We appreciate very much the excellent assistance being rendered to the F.F.A. by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. During the past year a Farm Safety Award was offered by the Foundation. All of the other awards which have been offered by the Foundation are being continued.

Through the efforts of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee the Foundation has received a large number of new donations. We are all grateful for the continued progress and interest in the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

FUTURE FARMERS SUPPLY SERVICE

In compliance with the authorization of the delegates at the National Convention, the Future Farmers Supply Service has been organized and is now in operation at the National F.F.A. Camp. A complete report on the Supply Service will be made during the convention.

SUMMARY

The summary of work done by various State associations for the year ended June 30, 1950, based on information obtained from their annual reports is as follows:

A. ORGANIZATION

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	7,933
Total number white departments of vocational agriculture without F.F.A. chapters.....	63
Total active membership in chartered chapters.....	319,261

B. MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND STATUS

Total number of active members now holding Green Hand Degree	148,834
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree	155,410
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree	7,948
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree.....	485
Total active membership	319,261
Total number of associate members (local).....	248,285
Total number Honorary members (local).....	25,365
Total number of Honorary members (State).....	3,312
Grand total membership	541,945

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Number of members who participated in production of food	249,508
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs	170,065
Number of members who used improved livestock practices	182,913
Number of members who used improved crop production practices	177,033
Number of chapters engaging in organized livestock loss prevention work	7,181

II. COOPERATION

Number of chapters cooperating with other groups....	7,130
Number of members provided experience in cooperative effort	209,897

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Number of chapters that assisted returning servicemen to become readjusted to farm life.....	4,943
Number of servicemen assisted by chapters to become readjusted to farm life.....	54,406
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	125,523
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery.....	7,850
Number of State Associations having a safety program in operation.....	37
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work	145,931
Number of chapters engaging in organized conservation work	5,848
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment	131,688

IV. LEADERSHIP

Number of State Associations that nominated full quota of American Farmers	40
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more F.F.A. books	6,757
Number of State associations that held a public speaking contest	49
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest	4,006
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings	7,337
Number of State Associations having a written continuing program of work.....	50
Number of chapters having a definite continuing written program of work.....	6,426
Number of State Associations putting out a State paper, periodical, or news sheet regularly.....	
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters	3,366
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly	6,066
Number of State Associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members.....	46
Number of chapters participating in leadership training schools or conferences.....	5,786
Number of State Associations sponsoring radio broadcast series	33
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs.....	2,930
Number of Association members attending last National F.F.A. Convention	8,916

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

Number of members who purchased U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps.....	26,236
Number of chapters that purchased U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps	922
Number of State Associations purchasing U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps.....	3
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices	107,547
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices	4,629

VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Number of members who have access to the Official Manual	287,879
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book	6,785
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book	6,490
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	6,579
Number of State Associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	47
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing, and degree ceremonies for regular meetings	7,241
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	7,198
Number of State Associations holding a convention....	50
Number of members who have attended at least 100% of chapter meetings	145,816

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

Number of chapters that stimulated members to improve their scholarship	6,608
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VIII. RECREATION

Number of chapters that provided supervised recreation	6,687
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities	228,671
Number of State Associations having a State camp in operation during the year.....	27
Number of members attending State camps.....	17,749
Number of chapters represented	2,789
Number of State Associations participating in National F.F.A. Week.....	46

C. INVESTMENTS IN FARMING

Total amount actually invested in farming by active members, as of January 1 of this year.....	\$56,577,828.26
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D. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Number of recognized teacher-training departments	
operating Collegiate F.F.A. chapters.....	32
Reported membership in Collegiate Chapters.....	2,563

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Each year it seems that the Future Farmers of America break a number of records. We have done it again this year in membership. Our membership as of June 30, 1950 was 319,261. We may look forward to a continued growth during the present year. Let us strive to enlist all of the boys who are enrolled in high school classes in vocational agriculture in the F.F.A.

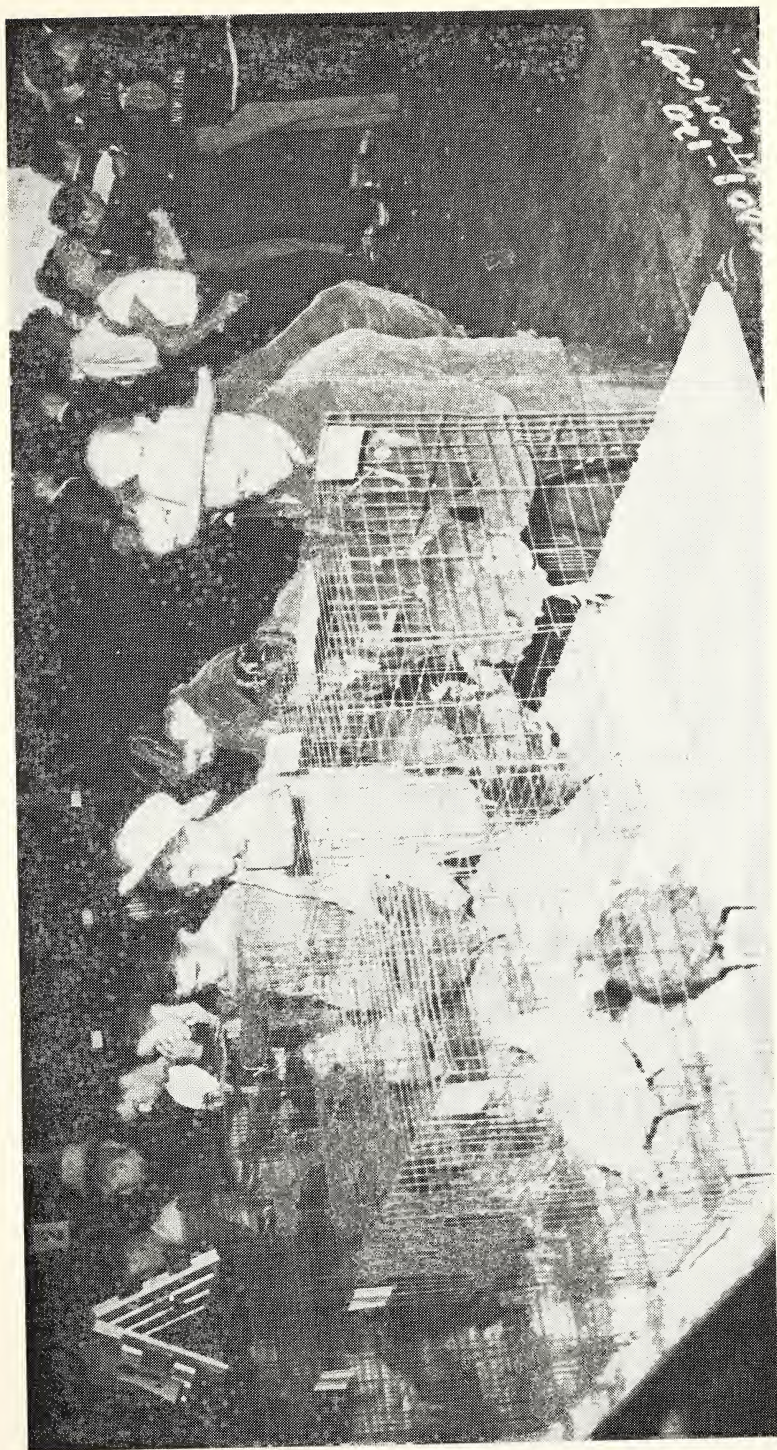
We are pleased that our report of accomplishments this year includes reports from our 48 States, the Island of Puerto Rico and the Territory of Hawaii.

In closing I wish to compliment the student officers for their efforts and achievements. It has been a pleasure to work with them. I wish to express my appreciation to the National Board of Trustees, the National Advisory Council, State Advisers, State Executive Secretaries and to our office force for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. TENNEY

National Executive Secretary



National Judging Contests were held in connection with the national convention.

Here we see a group of contestants competing in judging poultry.

Report of the National Treasurer

Future Farmers of America

Organized in November, 1928
Richmond, Virginia

REPORT ON EXAMINATION

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1950

August 3, 1950

Officers and Directors,
Future Farmers of America,
Richmond, Virginia.

Gentlemen:

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of Dowell J. Howard, Treasurer, Future Farmers of America, Richmond, Virginia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950, and submit herewith our report, consisting of the statements listed in the foregoing index together with our comments thereon. In connection with our examination, we have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the organization and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the organization and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditures present fairly the financial position of Future Farmers of America at June 30, 1950, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT

By: J. A. Leach, Jr., C.P.A.
Member of Firm

FINANCIAL POSITION

The assets and liabilities of the organization at June 30, 1950, are shown in detail in the Balance Sheet, Exhibit "A," which is summarized below in comparison with a summary of a similar statement as of June 30, 1949.

	June 30, 1950	June 30, 1949	Increase
Assets:			
Cash in Bank -----	\$19,543.70	\$13,224.91	\$ 6,318.79
Investments -----	41,825.00	40,580.00	1,245.00
Trademark -----	500.00	500.00	-
Fixed Assets -----	32,459.89	32,459.89	-
Total Assets -----	\$94,328.59	\$86,764.80	\$ 7,563.79
Liabilities:			
Income Tax Withheld from Employees--	385.80	315.90	69.90
Surplus -----	\$93,942.79	\$86,448.90	\$ 7,493.89

The increase in Surplus of \$7,493.89 resulted from the excess of revenue collected over expenditures during the period under review, as shown in Exhibit "B."

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Operations of the organization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950, resulted in a net increase in Surplus of \$7,493.89. A statement of revenue and expenditures for the year is presented in detail in Exhibit "B," a summary of which follows.

Revenue:		
Membership Dues -----	\$31,843.40	
Royalties -----	13,270.26	
National Camp and Old Mill -----	1,530.00	
Rent -----	1,500.00	
Grant—Supply Service -----	7,500.00	
Interest on U. S. Savings Bonds -----	1,245.00	
Other Revenue -----	170.42	
Total Revenue -----		\$57,059.08
Expenditures:		
Travel -----	\$14,209.81	
Convention -----	10,353.77	
"American Farmer" Keys -----	2,553.96	
Printing -----	2,980.65	
National Office Expense -----	15,602.75	
National Camp and Old Mill -----	3,606.23	
Judging -----	258.02	
Total Expenditures -----		\$49,565.19
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures -----		\$ 7,493.89

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

There is presented in Exhibit "C" a statement showing in summary form all of the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the year under review. A list of membership dues collected during the year is presented in Schedule 1.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

CASH IN BANK was verified by direct correspondence with the depository and reconciliation of the balance reported with the amount shown by the books. All recorded cash receipts were traced to the record of their deposit in bank, and all disbursements through the bank account were evidenced by properly executed, cancelled checks, with the exception of checks outstanding at June 30, 1950. The addition of the cash books was verified by us.

INVESTMENTS, consisting of \$50,000.00 maturity value United States Savings Bonds, Series F, as shown in the balance sheet, were inspected by us. They are carried at cost plus interest earned to the balance sheet date.

The organization **TRADEMARK** is carried on the books at its estimated cost.

FIXED ASSETS are stated at cost, in the case of those at the National Camp, plus the fair market value of gifts received during prior years.

Office furniture and equipment are stated at their estimated value at October 31, 1941, plus subsequent additions at cost. Color plates and engravings are stated at cost.

INCOME TAX WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES consists of amounts deducted from salaries of employees during April, May, and June, 1950, in accordance with the income tax withholding provisions of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code. The amount is stated as shown by the books and was not verified by us.

SURPLUS is analyzed in the balance sheet.

IN GENERAL

The books and records maintained by the Treasurer's office were neatly and accurately kept during the period under review.

We hereby express our appreciation of the courtesies and co-operation extended to our representatives during the conduct of our examination.

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1950

Assets**Exhibit "A"**

CASH IN BANK (Exhibit "C"):
 Shenandoah Valley National
 Bank

\$19,543.70

INVESTMENTS:

U. S. Savings Bonds, Series F:

Dated January 1, 1942.....

\$ 5,000.00

Dated February 1, 1942.....

5,000.00

Dated February 1, 1943.....

10,000.00

Dated September 1, 1943.....

15,000.00

Dated June 1, 1944.....

5,000.00

Dated June 1, 1945.....

10,000.00

Total Maturity Value....

\$50,000.00

Less: Reserve for Unearned
Interest

8,175.00 41,825.00

TRADEMARK

500.00

FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:

Land\$12,343.23

Buildings15,317.16

Equipment2,662.93

\$30,323.32

National Office:

Furniture and Equipment...\$ 510.37

Color Plates and Engravings 1,626.20

2,136.57 32,459.89

\$94,328.59**Liabilities and Surplus****INCOME TAX WITHHELD****FROM EMPLOYEES**On Salaries for the Second
Quarter of 1950.....

\$ 385.80

SURPLUS:

Balance—July 1, 1949.....

\$86,448.90

Add:

Excess of Revenue over Ex-
penditures (Exhibit "B")

7,493.89

Balance—June 30, 1950.....

93,942.79

\$94,328.59

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1950

REVENUE:

Exhibit "B"

	REVENUE		Budget Estimate	Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership Dues (Schedule 1) _		\$31,843.40	\$28,500.00	\$ 3,343.40
Royalties:				
Chapter Supply Company _ _ _	361.94			
Staunton Novelty Company _ _	914.21			
The Osborne Company _ _ _ _	1,562.35			
L. G. Balfour Company _ _ _ _	8,954.11			
French-Bray Printing Co. _ _	1,000.38			
St. Louis Button Company _ _	200.40			
The Fair Publishing House _ _	276.87	13,270.26	10,000.00	3,270.26
Other Revenue:				
Old Mill _ _ _ _ _ \$	1,500.00			
National Camp _ _ _ _ _	30.00			
Rent—Supply Service _ _ _ _	1,500.00			
Grant—Supply Service _ _ _ _	7,500.00			
Interest on U. S. Sav. Bonds	1,245.00			
Miscellaneous _ _ _ _ _	170.42	11,945.42	12,350.00	404.58
Total Revenue _ _ _ _ _		\$57,059.08	\$50,850.00	\$ 6,209.08
Appropriated from Surplus to				
Balance Budget _ _ _ _ _		-	3,954.63	3,954.63
Totals _ _ _ _ _		\$57,059.08	\$54,804.63	\$ 2,254.45

EXPENDITURES:

	EXPENDED		Appro- priations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Travel:				
National Officers _ _ _ _ _ \$	9,124.68			
Advisory Council _ _ _ _ _	492.12			
National Advisor and Ex- ecutive Secretary _ _ _ _ _	580.38			
International _ _ _ _ _	4,012.63			
Totals—Travel _ _ _ _ _		\$14,209.81	\$15,200.00	\$ 990.19
Convention:				
Delegate Expense _ _ _ _ _ \$	4,161.24		\$ 4,600.00	\$ 438.76
Special Features _ _ _ _ _	1,991.93		2,500.00	508.07
Buttons, Badges, Programs, etc. _ _ _ _ _	581.79		750.00	168.21
Stenotypists _ _ _ _ _	179.25		150.00	29.25
Photographs and Publicity _ _	300.00		300.00	-
Decorations _ _ _ _ _	503.10		500.00	3.10
Exhibits _ _ _ _ _	-		100.00	100.00
Equipment Rental _ _ _ _ _	226.98		125.00	101.98
Building Service _ _ _ _ _	61.00		75.00	14.00
Communications _ _ _ _ _	63.22		100.00	36.78
Secretarial Travel Expense _ _	696.54		800.00	103.46
Awards and Certificates _ _ _	1,392.68		1,500.00	107.32
Miscellaneous _ _ _ _ _	196.04		600.00	403.96
Totals—Convention _ _ _ _ _		\$10,353.77	\$12,100.00	\$ 1,746.23

	EXPENDED		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
“American Farmer” Keys:				
Total Expenditures -----		2,553.96	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 3.96
Printing:				
Literature and Proceedings--\$	2,173.40		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 826.60
Stationery Forms, etc. -----	807.25		700.00	107.25
Exhibits and Publicity-----	-		100.00	100.00
Totals—Printing -----		2,980.65	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 819.35
National Office Expense:				
Secretarial Salaries:				
Executive Secretary's Office--\$	2,993.87		\$ 2,883.89	\$ 109.98
National Treasurer's Office--	1,647.44		1,587.72	59.72
Director of Public Relations:				
Salary -----	5,202.41		5,006.37	196.04
Travel -----	1,419.30		1,500.00	80.70
Secretary—Salary -----	2,683.31		2,576.65	106.66
Telephone and Telegraph-----	274.14		350.00	75.86
Postage, Express, etc.-----	160.00		250.00	90.00
Bond Premiums and Taxes-----	50.43		100.00	49.57
Supplies, Equipment & Rental	509.67		500.00	9.67
Auditing -----	145.00		150.00	5.00
Miscellaneous -----	517.18		250.00	267.18
Totals—National Office--		15,602.75	\$15,154.63	\$ 448.12
National Camp and Old Mill:				
Salaries:				
Supervisor -----	\$ 1,399.92		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 100.08
Attendant -----	1,500.00		1,500.00	-
Insurance -----	230.76		400.00	169.24
Light and Power-----	170.53		100.00	70.53
Fuel and Oil -----	17.41		100.00	82.59
Telephone -----	67.07		100.00	32.93
Maintenance -----	220.54		2,000.00	1,779.46
Totals—National Camp and Old Mill -----		\$ 3,606.23	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 2,093.77
Judging Expenses -----		258.02	300.00	41.98
Total Expenditures -----		\$49,565.19	\$54,804.63	\$ 5,239.44
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES				
		\$ 7,493.89	\$ -	\$ 7,493.89
(Exh. “A”)				

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1950

Exhibit "C"

BALANCE—JULY 1, 1949.....	\$13,224.91
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RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues (Schedule 1)	\$31,843.40	
Royalties (Exhibit "B").....	13,270.26	
National Camp and Old Mill.....	1,530.00	
Grant—Supply Service.....	7,500.00	
Rent—Supply Service.....	1,500.00	
Loan from F.F.A. Foundation, Inc.	5,000.00	
Income Tax Withheld from Employees	1,450.90	
Miscellaneous	170.42	
Expense Refunds:		
Travel	\$ 68.70	
Convention	1,239.53	
National Office	101.75	
National Camp	3.25	
Printing	389.00	1,802.23

TOTAL RECEIPTS	64,067.21
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\$77,292.12

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel	\$14,278.51	
Convention	11,593.30	
"American Farmer" Keys	2,553.96	
Printing	3,369.65	
National Office Expense	15,704.50	
National Camp and Old Mill	3,609.48	
Judging Expenses	258.02	
Repayment of Loan from F.F.A. Foundation, Inc.....	5,000.00	
Withholding Tax Remitted to Federal Government	1,381.00	1,381.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	57,748.42
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BALANCE — JUNE 30, 1950 (Exhibit "A")	\$19,543.70
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\$19,543.70

Membership Dues Collected

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1950

Schedule 1

<u>Association</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,189.70	New Jersey	146.60
Arizona	88.10	New Mexico	169.70
Arkansas	1,217.10	New York	724.10
California	1,073.70	North Carolina	1,866.70
Colorado	177.80	North Dakota	164.90
Connecticut	44.00	Ohio	760.00
Delaware	65.10	Oklahoma	1,333.50
Florida	695.20	Oregon	315.10
Georgia	1,385.70	Pennsylvania	978.10
Hawaii	138.70	Puerto Rico	478.30
Idaho	269.90	Rhode Island	5.90
Illinois	1,652.70	South Carolina	717.00
Indiana	567.80	South Dakota	201.30
Iowa	674.30	Tennessee	1,456.30
Kansas	587.20	Texas	2,864.30
Kentucky	959.10	Utah	311.30
Louisiana	776.00	Vermont	61.60
Maine	133.90	Virginia	758.90
Maryland	186.20	Washington	533.50
Massachusetts	95.20	West Virginia	463.70
Michigan	890.10	Wisconsin	1,230.70
Minnesota	690.00	Wyoming	115.00
Mississippi	937.50		
Missouri	1,035.60		
Montana	182.80		
Nebraska	407.60		
Nevada	31.90		
New Hampshire	34.00		
		TOTAL DUES	
		COLLECTED	
		(Exhibits "B"	
		and "C")	\$31,843.40

Awards and Contests

On Tuesday evening, October 10, the Star Farmer Awards were presented by the National Vice-Presidents from the respective regions, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. The winners were as follows:

Star Farmer of America—Forrest Davis, Jr., Quincy, Florida.

Star Farmer, Pacific Region—Paul Crawford, Moore, Utah.

Star Farmer, Central Region—Rolland E. Turnow, Curtice, Ohio.

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region—Budd E. Ott, Bangor, Pennsylvania.

A check for \$1000 went to Davis and checks for \$500 were given the other three Star Farmers named.

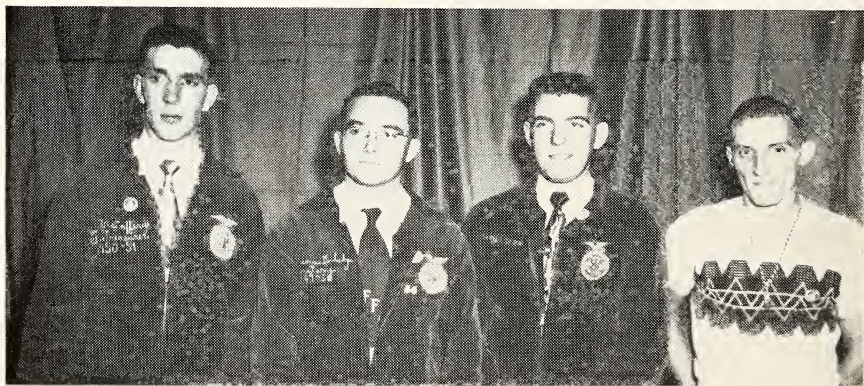
Other National Awards were presented Wednesday evening, October 11, in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. Farm Mechanics Award winners were introduced by Joe King, National 2nd Vice-President, Petaluma, California. Winners in this contest were given checks by King from the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated as follows:

1st Place—Jack McCaffery, Powell Butte, Oregon.....\$250.00

Southern Region—Clarence B. Golsby, Cantonment, Fla...200.00

Central Region—Harold Sprinkle, Jr., Ashland, Ohio.....200.00

No. Atlantic Region—Richard Mooney, Newton, N. J.....200.00

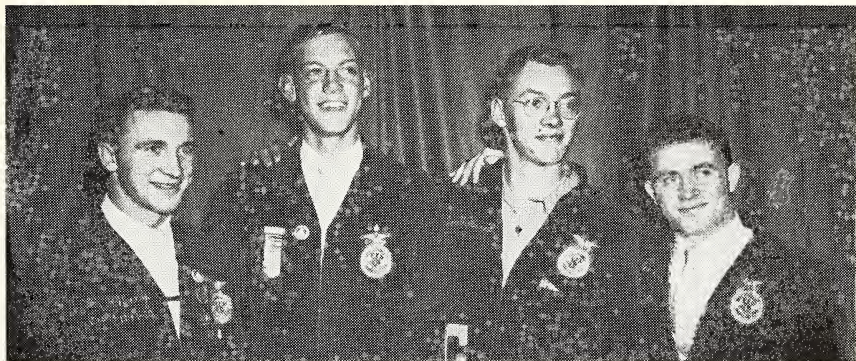


WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM MECHANICS AWARDS

Pictured, left to right: Jack McCaffery, Oregon, 1st Place; Clarence B. Golsby, Florida, Southern Regional Winner; Harold Sprinkle, Jr., Ohio, Central Regional Winner; and Richard Mooney, New Jersey, North Atlantic Regional Winner.

Farm Electrification Award winners were introduced by Glenn Lackey, National 4th Vice-President, Delaware, Ohio. Each of the winners received a check given in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

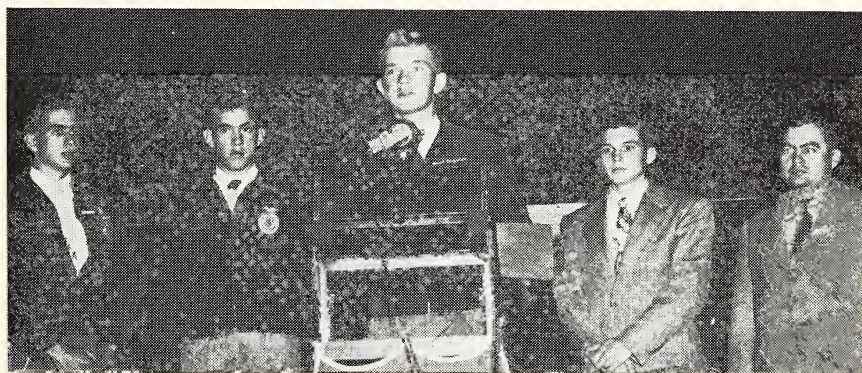
1st Place—Loren Maxey, Freeport, Illinois.....	\$250.00
Southern Region—Charles W. White, Smithfield, Va.....	200.00
No. Atlantic Region—George Simpson, Camden, Dela.....	200.00
Pacific Region—Ronald Harris, Ledger, Montana.....	200.00



WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL FARM ELECTRIFICATION AWARDS
 Pictured, left to right: Loren Maxey, Illinois, 1st Place; George Simpson, Delaware, North Atlantic Regional Winner; Ronald Harris, Montana, Pacific Regional Winner; and Charles W. White, Virginia, Southern Regional Winner.

Dairy Farming Award winners were introduced by Donald Bakehouse, National Student Secretary, Owatonna, Minnesota. Each of the winners received a check in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—John W. Reynolds, Jr., Goodlettsville, Tenn....	\$250.00
Pacific Region—Joe Trueba, Phoenix, Arizona.....	200.00
No. Atlantic Region—A. M. Cope, E. Springfield, N. Y.....	200.00
Central Region—James F. Gerspacher, Dayton, Ohio.....	200.00



WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL DAIRY FARMING AWARDS
 Pictured left to right: John W. Reynolds, Jr., 1st Place; Joe Trueba, Arizona, Pacific Regional Winner; Rogers Fike, National 1st Vice President; Arnold M. Cope, New York, North Atlantic Regional Winner; and Ralph Harner, Ohio, adviser who accepted the Central Regional award for James Gerspacher, who entered the Naval Air Corps just before the convention.

Soil and Water Management Award winners were introduced by Merrill Cartwright, National 3rd Vice-President, Booneville, Mississippi. Each of the winners received a check in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Harry Shelton, Shelfar, Virginia.....	\$250.00
No. Atlantic Region—Joe Blakeslee, Newton, N. J.....	200.00
Central Region—Richard Rayburn, Champaign, Ill.....	200.00
Pacific Region—Ronald Lee Jorgensen, Logandale, Nev.	200.00



WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT AWARDS—Pictured, left to right: Harry Shelton, Virginia, 1st Place; Richard Rayburn, Illinois, Central Regional Winner; Joe Blakeslee, New Jersey, North Atlantic Regional Winner; and Ronald Lee Jorgensen, Nevada, Pacific Regional Winner.

Farm Safety Award winners were introduced by Rogers Fike, National 1st Vice-President, Eglon, West Virginia. Each of the winners received a check in behalf of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. The winners were:

1st Place—Smith County Chapter, Carthage, Tennessee.....	\$250.00
Central Region—Rugby Chapter, Rugby North Dakota.....	200.00
Pacific Region—Eaton Chapter, Eaton Colorado.....	200.00
No. Atlantic Region—Newton Chapter, Newton, N. J.....	200.00

The Chapter Contest

Eighty-four Future Farmers of America local chapters were honored at the twenty-third national F.F.A. convention in Kansas City during the presentation of awards in the organization's national chapter contest.

The National F.F.A. Chapter Contest, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Chapter Contest has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile undertakings.

Chapters were grouped into Gold Emblem, Silver Emblem, Bronze Emblem and Honorable Mention classifications according to their records of accomplishment in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and other general activities.

Each chapter in the contest had been selected locally as one of two from the state to be entered in the national competition. Emblem winners received plaques designating their award, and the Honorable Mention group received certificates. The seventy-seven chapters in the national contest represent the best from the Future Farmers of America's 7,933 local chapters. The 1950 winners were:

Gold Emblem Classification

Riverton Chapter, Huntsville, Alabama	Saddle and Crate Chapter, Camden-Wyoming, Delaware
Yuma Chapter, Yuma, Arizona	Trenton Chapter, Trenton, Florida
Conway Chapter, Conway, Arkansas	Blakely-Union Chapter, Blakely, Georgia
Lakeside Chapter, Lakeside, Arkansas	Delphi Chapter, Delphi, Indiana
Madera Chapter, Madera, California	Lowell Chapter, Lowell, Indiana
Modesto Chapter, Modesto, California	Franklin Chapter, Franklin, Illinois
Brighton Chapter, Brighton, Colorado	Lanark Chapter, Lanark, Illinois
Eaton Chapter, Eaton, Colorado	Olathe Chapter, Olathe, Kansas
	Daviess County Chapter, Owensboro, Kentucky

Owingsville Chapter, Owingsville, Kentucky	Tucumcari Chapter, Tucumcari, New Mexico
Limestone Chapter, Limestone, Maine	Ames Chapter, Ames Oklahoma
Midland Chapter, Midland, Michigan	Atoka Chapter, Atoka, Oklahoma
Binford Chapter, Duck Hill, Mississippi	Toheca Chapter, Quakertown, Pennsylvania
Huntley Project Chapter, Worden, Montana	Camden Chapter, Camden, South Carolina
Flathead Chapter, Kalispell, Montana	Smith County Chapter, Carthage, Tennessee
Waverly Chapter, Waverly, Nebraska	Clifton Chapter, Clifton, Texas
Newton Chapter, Newton, New Jersey	Bland Chapter, Bland, Virginia
Rugby Chapter, Rugby, North Dakota	Ripley Chapter, Ripley, West Virginia
	Upshur Chapter, Buckhannon, West Virginia
	Shoshone Chapter, Powell, Wyoming

Silver Emblem Classification

Auburn Chapter, Auburn, Alabama	Hooper Chapter, Walpole, New Hampshire
Phoenix Technical Chapter, Phoenix, Arizona	Belvidere Chapter, Belvidere, New Jersey
Housatonic Valley Chapter, Falls Village, Connecticut	Deming Chapter, Deming, New Mexico
Mt. Ayr Chapter, Mt. Ayr, Iowa	Corvallis Chapter, Corvallis, Oregon
Clay Center Chapter, Clay Center, Kansas	Lakeview Chapter, Lakeview, Oregon
Clarksville Chapter, Clarksville, Maryland	Kennett Chapter, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania
Alma Chapter, Alma, Michigan	Nacogdoches Chapter, Nacogdoches, Texas
Brainerd Chapter, Brainerd, Minnesota	Box Elder Chapter, Brigham City, Utah
Mountain Lake Chapter, Mountain Lake, Minnesota	Linville-Edom Chapter, Edom, Virginia
Jasper Eagle Chapter, Jasper, Missouri	Walla Walla Chapter, Walla Walla, Washington
Fairbury Chapter, Fairbury, Nebraska	

Bronze Emblem Classification

Stephen Babcock Chapter, Middletown, Delaware	California Chapter, California, Missouri
Allentown Chapter, Milton, Florida	Moapa Valley Chapter, Overton, Nevada
Madison County Chapter, Danielsville, Georgia	South Kortright Chapter, South Kortright, New York
Pahoa Chapter, Pahoa, Hawaii	Woodruff Chapter, Woodruff, South Carolina
Roberts Chapter, Roberts, Idaho	Clark Chapter, Clark, South Dakota
Mangham Chapter, Mangham, Louisiana	Coltewah Chapter Ooltewah, Tennessee
Gorham Chapter, Gorham, Maine	Middlebury Chapter, Middlebury, Vermont
Sherwood Chapter, Sandy Spring, Maryland	Battle Ground Chapter, Battle Ground, Washington
Mohawk Trail Chapter, Shelburne Falls, Mass.	

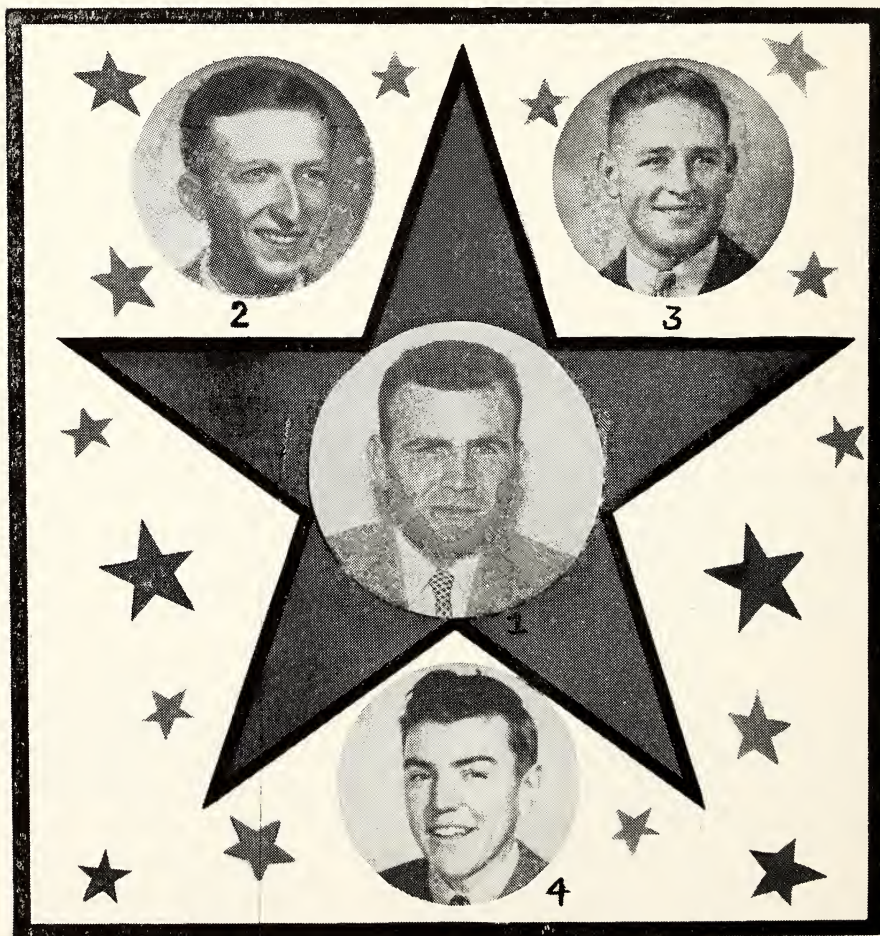
Honorable Mention

Meridian Chapter, Meridian, Idaho	Phelps Chapter, Phelps, New York
Erath Chapter, Erath, Louisiana	Sundstrom Chapter, Lennox, South Dakota
Agawam Chapter, Agawam, Massachusetts	Richford Chapter, Richford, Vermont
Booneville Chapter, Booneville, Mississippi	Lyman Chapter, Lyman, Wyoming
Colebrook Chapter, Colebrook, New Hampshire	

Judges for the 1950 Chapter Contest were: A. H. Hollenberg, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Farm Mechanics, Office of Education; J. H. Pearson, Field Representative, Office of Education; and R. M. Stewart, Former Professor of Agricultural Education, Cornell University.

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer Candidates receiving the Degree at the time of the national F.F.A. convention. The records of outstanding candidates were reviewed by the following individuals: John H. Kraft, President, Kraft Foods Company, Chicago, Illinois; Raymond C.



- (1)—FORREST DAVIS, JR.
Quincy, Florida
1950 Star Farmer of America
- (2)—BUDD E. OTT
Bangor, Pennsylvania
1950 Star Farmer of North
Atlantic Region

- (3)—ROLLAND E. TURNOW
Curtice, Ohio
1950 Star Farmer of Central
Region
- (4)—PAUL CRAWFORD
Moore, Utah
1950 Star Farmer of Pacific
Region

Firestone, Vice-President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Joseph B. Hall, President, The Kroger Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; John M. Collins, Editor, The "Weekly Kansas City Star," Kansas City, Missouri; E. J. Condon, Assistant to the President, Sears, Roebuck and Company, Chicago, Illinois and H. M. Cunningham, District Manager, Lincoln-Mercury Division of the Ford Motor Company, Washington, D. C.

FORREST DAVIS, JR.

Star Farmer of America

Forrest Davis is just barely old enough to vote but at 21 years of age he already has earned more than \$45,000 from farming. And it was no accident. Through study, good management and hard work he has built up a farming program that should continue to provide him with income far above that received by the average farmer in the United States.

This young man is no average farmer. His achievements are so outstanding as to be almost unbelievable, but they are substantiated by facts and figures that are vouched for by his vocational agriculture teacher, his neighbors, and the businessmen of the Quincy, Florida, community where he lives.

He is a producer of shade-grown tobacco, a crop that entails high initial investment and great risk. Young Davis has built up a reputation for keen business ability and honesty that enables him to borrow money needed to finance his farming activities. Some of the risk of tobacco growing is removed by his practice of the best known methods of management. He gets additional security from a diversified farming program that, in addition to tobacco, allows him to produce livestock and crops so that he'll be protected from total loss in case of failure in any one of the enterprises.

Davis' farming program for 1950 includes 20 acres of shade tobacco, 20 acres of blue lupine, ten registered Hampshire brood sows, 23 beef animals, 67 acres of peanuts and 250 acres of corn. Another 10 acres of tobacco is grown in partnership with his younger brother, Hal, and the two also are partners in the operation of 1,280 acres of rented pasture.

Forrest owns 80 acres of land, is in partnership with Hal on 150 acres which they bought recently, and again with Hal as partner, has a long-term lease on 1,620 acres. He tends 4 acres of tobacco on the home farm, owned by his mother, for the privilege of operating the remainder of the home farm rent free. Profits from the four acres, incidentally, provide funds for sending his three sisters to school.

Forrest is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest Davis, Route 3, Quincy, Fla. He was born and raised on a Florida farm and began, early in boyhood, to help with daily farm chores as every farm boy does. His first direct contact with vocational agriculture and the

Future Farmers of America came in September, 1942, when as an 8th grade student, he enrolled in a class of vocational agriculture and was admitted to the F.F.A. as a "Greenhand." By that time his father was engaged in the lumber and contracting business and a large share of the responsibility for operating the farm was falling on Forrest's shoulders. His first F.F.A. projects were one brood sow, five acres of corn and five acres of peanuts. Land and equipment was given to him rent free by his father, and Forrest netted \$525 from the year's work.

That was just the starter that opened his eyes. He promptly decided farming was the life he wanted, made deals with his parents and neighbors to rent land, and settled down to the business of farming in a big way. He netted \$1,467 in his freshman high school year; \$1,503 as a sophomore; \$2,543 as a junior, and \$7,151 in his senior year for a grand total of \$13,189 earned from farming while he was in school. During the two years since he was graduated he has added another \$32,500 to that figure.

It was in his senior year of high school that Davis found out what he could do raising shade-grown tobacco. From two acres of the crop he netted \$3,362. Even though it had been necessary to invest more than \$2,000 in the tobacco before he ever harvested a leaf, he figured the net income would justify the risk and he's been growing it on an expanding basis ever since 1947.

Young Davis' swing into beef cattle raising is a result of his need for manure to fertilize the tobacco. By growing his own corn, pastures and other feed crops he has found that he can have a constant source of the needed manure, and at the same time expect a reasonable cash return from the cattle as they are sold for beef. There was more corn than he needed for the cattle, so he went into the hog raising business. The ten registered Hampshire sows he owns now are the only hogs of that breed in the county.

He already has done much to improve the value of the home farm and the land that he bought. A well-equipped farm shop where machinery and equipment is repaired and serviced was built, a grist mill set up, livestock barn and other buildings constructed, pastures were improved by reseeding and fertilizing. He established a home fruit orchard, and did landscaping to beautify the home and farmstead. Buildings and equipment that he owns are valued at more than \$18,000. These include two tractors, two trucks, two tenant houses, several tobacco curing barns and a complete irrigation system for tobacco.

Forrest is a firm believer in soil conservation and improvement. He uses fertilizers and green manure crops heavily to keep the soil producing.

"You've got to have some push under the ground if you expect to pull anything on top later on," he told a magazine writer who interviewed him last spring.

Aside from his study and hard work, a major part of Davis'

success can be credited to the complete records he keeps on the farm enterprises. His bookkeeping enables him to tell at any time how much he has invested in any particular enterprise and, after the crop is disposed of, to determine how it figured in the profit or loss column. Several hired men work for him and he stimulates initiative in them by paying them by the pound for tobacco produced on the area for which they are responsible.

His leadership record is almost on par with his farming achievements. At the Quincy High School he served as secretary and president of the F.F.A. chapter, was a member of the livestock judging and parliamentary procedure teams. He was president of the Senior class and class valedictorian. He was first vice-president of Florida state F.F.A. association in 1946-47.

He is now president of the Young Farmers chapter at Quincy, a director of the West Florida Livestock Association, an alternate member of the County PMA Committee, a member of Farm Bureau and a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

So far, young Davis has remained single. He has just turned 21 and says he has plenty of time for marriage in the future. The Davis family, consisting of mother and father, three girls and two boys, is a typical, happy farm family. They work together and take pride in each other's achievements. Mr. Davis gives advice and encouragement and helps with the farm work when possible and when emergencies arise. Mrs. Davis and the girls keep the home going and do not hesitate to help with farming jobs when they are needed.

D. M. Bishop is currently vocational agriculture instructor at the Quincy school. His opinion of the Star Farmer of America is high:

"The program in agricultural education is built around the typical farm boy who enrolls in vocational agriculture at about 14 years of age; begins a planned program of supervised farming and participation in F.F.A. activities; gradually expands his program each year so that by the time he graduates from high school he has made definite progress toward establishment in farming; and after graduation becomes satisfactorily established in farming. Forrest Davis is as near a perfect example of the ideal farm boy student as can be found—the kind of young man who makes teaching vocational agriculture a joy instead of a job."

BUDD E. OTT

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region

Budd Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ott, Route 2, Bangor, Pennsylvania, Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region for 1950, is operating a 300-acre dairy farm in partnership with his parents. The farm features 70 head of Holstein of which 44 are in producing age. The herd last year averaged 450 pounds of butterfat and more than 14,000 pounds of milk per cow.

Ott began his supervised farming program in vocational agriculture as a freshman student in Bangor High School in the fall of 1943. He netted \$537 that year from two dairy calves, one acre of potatoes and 10 hogs. The two calves, incidentally, were registered Holsteins and marked the first time that purebred cattle had been used on the Ott farm. Primarily through Budd's influence, about one-third of the herd are now purebred animals and plans call for a herd of all registered Holsteins in the near future.

One of his first purebred heifers won \$50 in prize money and the grand champion prize of a \$150 Holstein heifer at the 1944 Stroudsburg fair. With that income and the proceeds from his potatoes and pigs, plus money earned in wages for other farm work, he was able to buy three more heifers in his sophomore year, expanding his herd to six head. Those six heifers and five acres of corn netted \$586 for his second year's work in the F.F.A.

He continued expanding his dairy herd and producing corn so that by the time he completed high school in 1947 he had earned \$3,307 from farming projects, most of which was represented in his investment in cattle.

Budd married his high school sweetheart in the fall of 1947 and it was shortly after that when he signed a partnership agreement with his father. The boy was required to invest \$8,000 to gain one-fourth interest in the total farm. His cattle provided enough for the down payment and he gave a note for the balance of \$6,422.50. Most of the debt already has been paid.

Young Ott has contributed much to the home farm. It was he who introduced the first registered Holsteins. He initiated the farm record keeping system and kept accurate records of the entire farming program, including production records on the cows which were valuable in upgrading the herd. The Production Credit Association presented him an award for having kept the best farm accounts' book in Northampton county.

Both father and son have worked hard to improve the home farm. Within the last three years all but 35 acres of the cultivated land has been contoured to help prevent soil erosion and to conserve water. A one and a half acre pond near the farm buildings has added much to the beauty of the home as well as afforded recreational facilities and water for fire protection. Farm buildings are well-kept and modernized. A full line of mechanical equipment is used including such recent inventions as a mechanical gutter cleaner in the dairy barn and a "Haymaker" that crushes the stems of plants as it mows, thus allowing quicker drying and a better quality hay.

Young Ott's leadership record includes serving as treasurer two years, vice-president one year and president one year of the Bangor F.F.A. chapter, and treasurer and president of the district F.F.A. association. He was a member of the chapter's dairy judging team and had a leading part in many of the local F.F.A. activities.

Currently he is president of Young Cooperators, a local youth

organization sponsored by Dairymen's League; holds membership in Grange League Federation, Lehigh Valley Artificial Breeding Co-operative, Holstein-Friesian association and Chester White Breeders' association; is on the advisory committee of the Exchange Club, which sponsors the Blue Valley Farm Show; is active in the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Sunday School, and is a member of the Soil Conservation Committee for Northampton county.

Throughout his Future Farmers of America career, the Regional Star Farmer has been studying and working under the supervision of George O. Ott, vocational agriculture instructor at Bangor High School since 1934.

ROLLAND E. TURNOW

Star Farmer—Central Region

Rolland E. Turnow, 20, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turnow, Curtice, Ohio, and is farming in one-third partnership with his father and his brother, Ralph. They operate two farms totalling 812 acres near Toledo. Major crops are sugar beets, tomatoes and cucumbers. They have a small herd of 12 dairy cattle and raise some grain and feed crops.

Rolland has earned more than \$20,000 from his share of the farming program since he first entered Clay High School as a vocational agriculture student in 1943. He now owns about \$50,400 in assets, but owes \$31,500 on land and equipment, thus giving him a current net worth of \$18,900.

The Future Farmer owns a third of the farm's machinery and livestock and bought 160 acres of land from his father on a contract basis. The partnership farms all land together, with each member paying one-third of costs and receiving a third of the income. Livestock has not been featured because the two farms are 55 miles apart. However, Rolland is engaged to marry Miss Helen Borton in December and they will live on the farm west of Toledo. The home already has been repaired and when the young couple lives there they plan to increase the livestock numbers to develop a better balanced farming program.

The Turnow's farming program this year includes 115 acres of tomatoes, 275 acres of sugar beets, 30 acres of cucumbers, 30 acres of corn, 35 acres of alfalfa, 90 acres of soybeans and the 12 dairy cattle. From a similar program last year they netted about \$15,000. That season was a poor one for tomatoes and sugar beets and they expect to do much better this year.

In addition to his work on the farm, which takes a lot of time where such crops as sugar beets, tomatoes and cucumbers are grown, Rolland has done considerable work in home beautification and soil conservation. As a vocational agriculture student he was required to keep accurate records on all his projects and the training he received made him the natural choice of "bookkeeper" for the

partnership. For the past three years he has managed the entire bookkeeping system, including handling arrangements for finances and paying wages to the hired help.

He has an excellent record in Future Farmers of America leadership having served as vice-president and president of the Clay F.F.A. chapter; and was elected president of the Ohio State F.F.A. Association for 1947-48. He had a leading part in many of the Clay chapter's group activities.

In high school he was a member of the Student Council and lettered in football and track. He was captain of the Clay football team, won a trophy for the outstanding player on the team, and a berth on the all-conference selection.

Rolland has been exceptionally active in his church. He has been treasurer and president of his Sunday School class, is now a committee member of the Michigan District Luther League and was a delegate to the International Luther League convention held at Pullman, Washington, last year. He is a deacon in the church. Turnow also is active in the Ohio Young Farmers Association and is a member of the State Y.F.A. Council.

PAUL CRAWFORD

Star Farmer—Pacific Region

Paul Crawford, 20, of Moore, Utah, the Star Farmer of the Pacific Region, is married and has a one-year-old son, John Paul. He is operating a large ranch in partnership with his father, Carlyle Crawford, featuring the production of high quality registered Hereford cattle, range beef cattle and a few dairy cows.

When Paul was a first year student of vocational agriculture in South Emery High School he fattened a Hereford steer as a Future Farmers of America project. The steer won Grand Championship at the Utah State Junior Livestock in Spanish Fork and sold his Future Farmer owner on the idea of going into the registered Hereford business. With proceeds from the sale of the prize animal and \$2,000 he was able to borrow from the bank, young Crawford bought ten high quality Hereford heifers in the spring of 1944. The ten heifers formed the foundation of a fine herd of Hereford cattle that he now owns.

As he continued in his high school work Crawford fed from eight to twenty-eight steers each year, exhibiting the best in the livestock shows and selling others as fat cattle. Proceeds from sale of the steers was plowed back into the expansion of his purebred Hereford breeding stock. He has featured high quality stock in his Herefords, and has been able to sell several registered yearling bulls for \$1,000 or more. He earned about \$8,700 from farming projects during the four years he was in school.

Paul won a scholarship to Utah State College in 1947, attended that school one year and then decided his best course of action was to stay on the home ranch and continue developing his Hereford

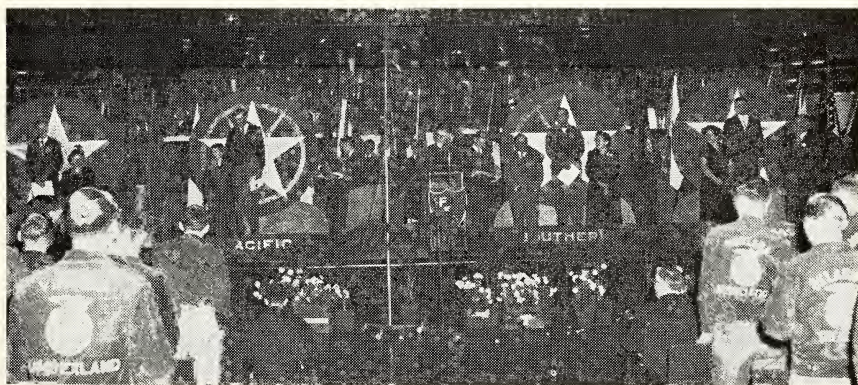
herd. In September, 1948, he entered into a partnership agreement with his father. The twenty head of registered Herefords that he owned were put into the partnership pool, and Paul received a one-third interest in the entire farming operation.

At that time the farm consisted of 200 acres of irrigated land, 800 acres of grazing land, 90 head of range cattle and 10 dairy cattle. In addition, there was a range permit for 120 head of cattle on the public domain and 90 head on the Manti National Forest range. Since 1948 the father-son team has acquired 10 additional dairy cattle, 12 more registered Herefords and 780 acres of mountain grazing land. They recently completed fencing work on the 780 acre tract and will seed it to a pasture mixture of smooth brome grass, orchard grass and sweet clover.

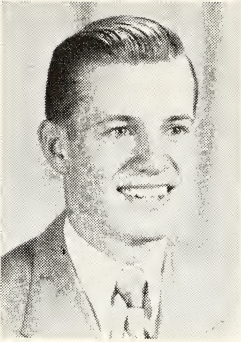
At the 1949 Ogden Livestock Show Paul bought a registered Hereford bull at auction for \$1,800 and is now using this outstanding animal as his herd sire. They have improved their range cattle until they are getting almost 100 per cent calf crop each year, about double that obtained by most ranchers in the community. The quality of their calves is considerably above the average for the community and many of the steer calves are sold to other Future Farmers of America for beef feeding projects.

Paul married his high school sweetheart, Jo Ann Wal, in November, 1948. He is a member of the Hi-land Cooperative Dairy Association, Utah Hereford Breeders' Association, the Ferron Cattlemen's Association, Independent Canal Reservoir Company, and the South Emery Young Farmers chapter.

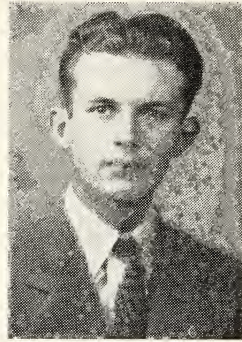
In high school Crawford served as reporter, secretary and president of the South Emery F.F.A. chapter. He was elected state F.F.A. secretary for 1947-48 and was named Star State Farmer in 1947, and played in the state F.F.A. band during the 1947 convention. He played in the South Emery school band three years, was president of his Junior class, lettered in basketball and softball, and was salutatorian of his graduating class in 1947.



STAR FARMER CEREMONY—1950 STAR FARMERS STANDING IN FRONT OF STARS.



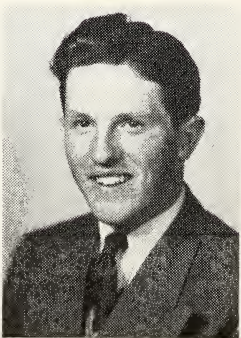
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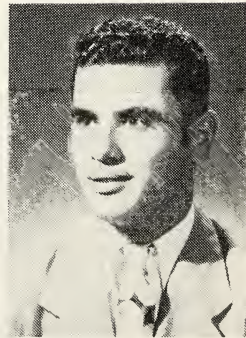
CHARLES OCKER



HERBERT McFETRIDGE



WALTER CARLSON



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Public Speaking Contest

The Annual National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 through the interest and generosity of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who, for two years, sponsored the event and offered prizes. From that time until 1944 the national organization of Future Farmers of America was the sponsor. During the past six years the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, sponsored the contest and gave the awards.

The Twenty-first National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest took place in the Main Arena of the Municipal Auditorium on Tuesday, October 9. The five finalists placing in the order indicated were:

1. Herbert McFetridge, Geneva, New York—"Farm Price Supports"
2. Herman Brewer, Jr., Eden, Texas—"The Marshall Plan and Farmer's Faith"
3. Charles R. Ocker, Cameron, Missouri—"Better Living Through Farming"
4. Walter Carlson, Powell, Wyoming—"Rural America and Socialized Medicine"
5. Clement Correia, Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii—"The Young Farmer of the 49th State"

Each contestant was the author of his own speech, having studied his subject, prepared the draft and practiced its delivery. Each speech represented original thought and original work on the part of the contestant, with coaching on composition and delivery limited, by the rules of the contest, to the facilities of the school from which the contestant came. Each boy was at liberty to choose his own subject.

The contest was judged by three competent persons. Prior to the contest the judges were furnished with typewritten copies of the contestants' productions which they read and graded on content and composition. At the contest the judges scored each contestant on the delivery of his production. A maximum of 300 points was allowed for the written production and 700 points for delivery. Questions were asked by the judges to test each contestant on his ability to think on his feet and on general knowledge of his subject.

The judges were:

Karl Butler, Farm Counselor, AVCO Manufacturing Corp., New York, New York

Paul Visser, Agriculture Department, National Broadcasting Co., Inc., Chicago, Illinois

W. T. Schnathorst, Supervisor, Educational Services, International Harvester Co., Chicago, Illinois

The timekeepers were:

Norman H. Davis, The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri

Herbert L. Schaller, Editor, "Better Farming Methods," Mount Morris, Illinois

FARM PRICE SUPPORTS

By Herbert McFetridge, Geneva, New York

In attempting to discuss any question as controversial as this, it is not only fair but wise to consider all the factors involved. With this in mind, I should like to point out that a great deal of confusion regarding price controls arises from the failure to distinguish between economics and politics. My purpose here is to explain the economics of price fixing, leaving the political aspects of the problem to the politicians.

The chief objective of the price support program for agriculture is to prevent a general collapse in farm prices such as those of 1921 and 1929. Few persons would disagree with the desirability of the objective but not all will agree that price supports will do the job. The general price level might well be compared with the level of the water in a lake. The level of the water rises and falls in a lake because of what happens at the inlet and the outlet. On the surface are ripples or waves, corresponding to the prices of individual commodities. They rise and fall in some degree even though the level of the lake does not change. A price support or ceiling on one commodity may change the height of that ripple but it is offset by others and has little or no effect on the overall level of the lake or the general price level.

Under a free economy, prices perform three functions, they ration consumption, guide production and move products through the channels of trade. To illustrate this, take butter for example, during the summer months when butter production is high, low prices increase consumption, and thus ration the supply. In the spring when eggs are cheaper, low prices stimulate the consumption of fresh eggs. During the free economy of the twenties, high prices for cotton stimulated the acreage as much as 25% and the income doubled. On the other hand, low prices for potatoes curtailed the acreage as much as 20%. To illustrate how prices allocate the corn crop, a short corn crop in 1947 made corn prices high in relation to hog prices. So farmers economized in the feeding of corn. At present with a large corn crop farmers have the signal—cheaper corn—to expand the feeding of the corn to the hogs. In a free market farmers will constantly shift their production to meet changing price relationships. These three functions of price cannot be changed by law or regulation. And there is no existing evidence of successful regulation of prices, production or consumption of farm products by any government agency.

It is quite evident that those who favor price control of a commodity whether it be price support, price ceiling, subsidy, marketing agreements or any other form, believe the price should be either higher or lower than it would be if it was arrived at by a willing buyer and a willing seller. Otherwise it would not be price control.

The basic question involved here is not whether there should be price control, but rather who should do it. Shall it be done by thousands of individuals who are directly concerned by making an independent decision in the good old American way or by a central planning committee? A central statistical bureau may think they have all the data and all the facts and think that they can decide more wisely. Actually, they do not have all the facts and if they did have, they could not move fast enough to change with the changing situation. There is no one price for a commodity like potatoes, there are thousands of different prices depending on different conditions, making up what we think of as "the market price." In a free market each of the many prices is the right price in the given situation.

Agricultural leaders have long been trying to devise some system to raise prices of agriculture commodities above free market prices without at the same time exercising some direct control over production. Too high prices stimulate too much production and too little consumption at that price level. Some kind of production controls are necessary unless the government dumps the surplus abroad, gives it away or directs it to other uses here at home, and lets the tax payer pay the bill. If prices are too low subsidies or direct compulsion is required to bring out the production necessary. For example, the British System where prices are guaranteed and farmers told what to produce is just a short step from complete nationalization of agriculture.

Another consequence of price support which holds a price above where it should be in a free market, is keeping inefficient producers in business. A free market price improves efficiency in all types of business and tends to eliminate the inefficient producer.

Results from cost accounts reported on 10 New York farms in 1946 showed that the cost of producing a bushel of potatoes varied from 49 cents to \$1.92 with the average being 75 cents a bushel. The average returns were nine cents per bushel and most of the growers made a profit. Under a free market price the high cost growers will be eliminated but under a support price and an acreage reduction, all are treated alike and we retain our high cost producer and discourage the low cost producer. Efficiency in food production is being stressed today in all farm enterprises. How can we increase efficiency in production when we encourage through a price support program the inefficient producer to stay in business?

Over the years thousands of farmers have found that they could not meet the competition of the more efficient farmers and have left the farm for other kinds of employment. As a result, our farming efficiency has increased from a point where a farm pro-

duced a little more than its own needs to where a farm family now feeds itself and five other families. It has been estimated that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the farmers produce 80% of the nation's food. Price supports tend to keep in competition the least efficient $\frac{1}{3}$ who produce only 4% of the food.

It is also very difficult to set up a formula that will apply to nearby areas and areas far from market the way a free price would.

Northeastern farmers may stand to lose their economic advantage of being located at the consumers backdoor. Again in the case of potatoes, the upstate New York acreages for 1948 were only half the 1933 to 1942 acreage. It looks as though New York potatoes have been supported right out of the market.

In a slightly different way we have seen United States cotton growers supported right out of the world market.

To summarize briefly, price supports like other forms of price control cannot eliminate major swings in our general price level or stabilize our economy but they can rob us of the most important function of free prices, the guiding of products and consumption of goods and services.

Price controls must be accompanied by controls of productions and consumption and it cannot be otherwise and finally as a result we have complete economic domination by the State. In a democracy we should have the privilege of making choices that effect our future.

As I see it we are at the Crossroads.

We can decide to risk our economic future on free enterprise and fair competition that have worked to make America the envy of the world, or we can permit permanent government regulation of production, prices and consumption—a plan that history proves has always failed. My challenge to you is: which road shall we take?

THE MARSHALL PLAN AND FARMER'S FAITH

By Herman Brewer, Jr., Eden, Texas

The towering strength of the United States rests on the individual freedom of all its people. Upon that foundation laid in 1776, we have built the highest standard of living in the history of mankind, and created an abundance that is the envy and the hope of the world.

Today our great nation has emerged victorious from a tremendous global conflict. We find ourselves face to face with a world disrupted by war and terribly shaken by its aftermath. Our efforts to win back the peace have included wholehearted support of the United Nations, as well as generous assistance to foreign nations in need of help. Our goal is to establish a stable world with free political application and the rule of law. The one decision which must now be made is whether we shall continue the effort to achieve this goal.

World stability and European stability are inseparable; genuine independence can not perish in Europe and be secure in the rest of the world. We must restore the liberties and the independence of all Europe if we are to secure and maintain world stability.

Upon the conclusion of the past war, we heard Europe's urgent plea for aid, and for humanity's sake we could not deny that plea. Congress set up what is known as the Economic Cooperation Administration and designated it the task of designing a program of European recovery. Through the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Administration, sixteen European nations have come forward with such a program, known as the Marshall Plan, designed to achieve genuine recovery in approximately four years.

When the Marshall Plan began operation, millions of Europeans were hungry. Today, the menace of hunger in Western Europe has passed. Agricultural production has been stepped up nearly to the pre-war level, and provided good weather conditions, it will exceed the pre-war level during this crop year.

But even these gains are not sufficient. The record of progress in raising agricultural production has not been as satisfactory as in raising industrial production. We and the participating countries must place even greater emphasis in this field for the coming years. Europe has made marvelous gains under the Marshall Plan, but the belief that she is living in the "lap of luxury" at Uncle Sam's expense is contrary to fact.

The Marshall Plan is a rebuilding program designed to restore the war-ravaged countries of Europe. It is my personal belief that the Marshall Plan is America's greatest attempt to serve mankind. It is not an attempt to help any single nation, but to help rebuild the economic structure of all Europe. The plan approved by sixteen participating nations of Western Europe is helping to rebuild the mines, the factories, and the farms that were destroyed during the past war.

We have abundant evidence that the Marshall Plan is helping Western Europe immensely toward developing better production and trade, in expanding productive capacity, in restoring financial stability, and in raising living standards.

We have laid a perfect foundation for the self-supporting recovery of Europe. But there are two major obstacles blocking the construction of a self-supporting European recovery. Those two obstacles are Europe's present "dollar gap" crisis and the "cold war."

By the term "dollar gap," we mean that Europe's dollar reserves just can not equal the price of her imports which she must have. Virtually, she does not have the dollars for dollars to pay for the needed imports. This problem was temporarily settled by loaning Western Europe the dollars to equalize with the imports. But Europe must overcome these deficits and be able to carry on trade without the need of extraordinary outside assistance before she can possibly possess a position of real self-support.

The major obstacle hampering a successful recovery is the struggle now on between the free nations of the world and the dangerous forces of Soviet Communism. This has been called the "cold war." The term gives the impression that this struggle is not comparable in importance with a shooting war. But the present hostilities in Korea have caused many people to realize that the importance of winning this struggle far exceeds the importance of winning World War Two.

Our people as a whole are worried about the possibility of another world war. They think the bulk of the Marshall Plan loan is going to Russia and in turn she is building armaments to use against us. However, Russia and her satellite countries receive absolutely no Marshall Plan aid.

Approximately one-half of the loan is applied for food, agricultural tools, and seeds used in farming. The remainder is used for industrial goods needed for these particular recovery projects.

Perhaps many of you wonder how the Marshall Plan is affecting farmers and farm prices in this country. Today our farmers possess a greater interest in the outside world and rightfully they should know just what the Marshall Plan holds for the farmer's future.

As to farm prices, they have a great tendency to drop rapidly following a world war. But the Marshall Plan is bringing about a gradual adjustment to normal farm prices.

Our farmers chiefly are in doubt as to whether we can continue European aid. They are wondering if we can spare all the food we are shipping abroad, when actually we are faced today with surpluses of fruits and vegetables.

Wheat, which normally presents an enormous surplus problem, is being properly dealt with under the Marshall Plan. We must remember that food has helped us to win a past war, and now, with a prayer in our hearts to Almighty God, it can help to prevent a coming war.

The farmers of today and we as Future Farmers of tomorrow must place our wholehearted faith in this recovery program. Never before in the history of mankind has such a gigantic program meant more to the welfare of the American farmer. The Marshall Plan with the farmer's faith will establish proper channels of trade for our farmer's product, bring about an adjustment to normal farm prices, and make a tremendous step toward price guaranties for farmer's commodities. Friendly relations which are being established will be of great benefit to the American farmer in future years.

Future Farmers, place your faith in the Marshall Plan which builds the agriculture of our nation, instead of placing faith in a Brannan Plan with its socialistic ideas which will throw our agriculture into chaotic oblivion. Have faith in a program which preserves the American way of life for generations yet to come.

We have embarked on a policy which has already won a considerable measure of success. If we continue to follow this policy calmly and courageously, we and the rest of the free world can go forward with the hope of gaining peace and security on earth.

True peace can only be won through the individual heart of the peoples of the world. When the peoples of the world possess an undying love for mankind in their heart and denote love and faith for God and His Almighty Glorious Word, then and only then, will the peoples of the world possess their most ardent desire:

EVERLASTING PEACE ON EARTH.

MAY GOD GRANT THAT GLORIOUS DAY.

BETTER LIVING THROUGH BALANCED FARMING

By Charles R. Ocker, Cameron, Missouri

How many of us know the meaning of those two words—Balanced Farming? The definition of Balanced Farming is, a well planned system of operating the individual farm unit, to achieve efficient production, high net income, an increase in soil productivity, and a better living for the farm family.

Human life, health, and happiness are dependent on the top seven inches of the surface of this earth. It took nature over three thousand years to produce one inch of this surface. If we are careless, it can be lost, never to be restored again, in ten years or less. And, as Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, who is Chief of the United States Soil Conservation Service, said, "It is not mere soil that goes down the slopes, down the rivers, and finally down to the ocean wastes—opportunity, security, and the chance to make a living from our land—these are all going too."

According to Dr. Bennett, one fifth of the original area of tillable land in the United States is now ruined for further practical cultivation because of erosion. About one third of the present remaining tillable land has already been damaged by erosion, and more than one half of the remainder is subject to erosion. In other words, all but about seventy-two and one-half million of the four hundred million acres of good crop land in the United States is now subject to erosion if it is not protected. It has been estimated that the average depth of topsoil throughout the United States was originally nine inches. The depth of the topsoil now remaining is between six and seven inches. When we become aware of the fact that we have lost nearly one-third of our top soil since this country was settled, the significance of these conditions can be realized.

The soil is the foundation of life and of civilization. People in towns and cities, as well as farmers, are dependent upon it. The soil must be kept in a productive condition. If it is not, the foundation of life will crumble and civilization will perish.

These facts clearly indicate that something must be done about the erosion and depletion of our soil if the United States is to remain on its high level of production of today.

Several plans have been instituted to help farmers solve this problem. Perhaps one of the most effective plans is the one sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Missouri, known as Balanced Farming. The people of the Extension Service believe that if this plan is carried out thoroughly erosion will be controlled, the fertility of the soil will be maintained and improved, plus many other items which will enable farmers to live a happier and more prosperous life.

Balanced Farming has made rapid progress in Missouri the past few years. Last year, sixteen thousand families were actively committed to the program. Thirteen thousand of those families had all or a part of this program in operation. These people had only a small percentage of the total farms in the state, yet they were responsible for a high percentage of the conservation and improvement practices in operation.

Balanced Farming is attained through five points which I wish to discuss briefly. Point one is water control. There are several methods of controlling water. The contour planting of crops greatly reduces the speed and amount of run off water and, therefore, allows it to do less damage by erosion. Another method is strip cropping in which alternate strips of sod or some close growing grass, which resists erosion, is planted between strips of corn or some loosely growing or cultivated crop which encourages erosion. Terraces also play an important part in this program. By controlling erosion with terraces, a farmer is able to use lime and fertilizer to a much greater advantage. More of the lime and fertilizer remains in the soil to be used by the crops when fields are terraced. This means that the livestock that is raised on this farm will receive more nutritious food and will, in turn produce more meat, milk, and eggs.

Crop rotation is the second point. Crop rotation is the growing of two or more crops on the same piece of land in different years sequence and according to a definite plan. Besides providing a well balanced supply of pasture, roughage, and grain, it will help to keep up soil productivity, reduce soil losses by erosion, control weeds, and check plant diseases and insect pests.

The third point is soil treatment. This phase of Balanced Farming is well explained by the old axiom, "it pays to feed the soil so that the soil can feed the crops." There are three main sources for the enriching of the soil. One method is the application of barnyard manure. This material adds humus to the soil which is so important in maintaining a soil in a productive condition. Humus is the decayed animal and vegetable matter which acts as a storehouse for the plant food and minerals and also helps to hold water in the soil. Another method of enriching the soil is by the plowing under of a

green manure crop. These are such crops as clover, alfalfa, or other legumes, or rye, wheat or some small grain crop which is not so valuable for its fertilizing element as it is for the humus forming content that it may contain. The third method is the application of commercial fertilizer. These fertilizers are manufactured according to many different chemical analyses to fit the requirements of different types of soils. Soil tests can be made in the soil testing laboratories to determine the kind and amount of fertilizer that should be used on each individual farm.

The fourth point of the Balanced Farming plan is the livestock program. It is necessary to raise the right type and amount of livestock on a farm if the proper balance is to be maintained between the livestock raised and the crops grown. By raising purebred stock, rotating pastures, and vaccinating and spraying livestock, and using many other modern farm practices emphasized by the Balanced Farm Specialists, farmers can make greater profit in less time and at less expense.

Point five of the Balanced Farming program is, last but not least, the farm home. To some people, the farm home would have no connection, whatsoever, with Balanced Farming. But, on the contrary, it is of major importance in carrying this plan to perfection. Balanced Farming not only means achieving a high state of efficiency in farming operations, it also means maintaining high standards of living for the farm family. Many conveniences have been made available to farmers in the past few years such as electricity, telephones, modern homes, all weather roads, and many other items which allow them to enjoy more of the comforts of modern farm living.

These five points that I have just mentioned indicate that if they are carried out thoroughly, a well balanced farm program will result.

However, the effects of Balanced Farming do not stop with merely the development of the individual farm unit. The lives of all the people living in a Balanced Farming community are equally subject to it. Businessmen know that to have good business, there must be productive farms with happy, prosperous people living on them.

Many business people, service clubs, and other organizations are giving financial aid to this program. Such whole-hearted support results in a community with strong, active churches, good schools, good recreational facilities and time to enjoy them. But most of all, there are better people—town and country people working together with a great spirit of cooperation and friendliness on a community program to benefit everybody.

It was once said that any fool can look at an apple and see a seed. But it takes a wise man, a man of foresight, to look at that seed and see an apple orchard full of bearing apple trees. It is in that sense that I wish to refer to the American farmers of today.

We must have foresight, we must be able to look ahead and detect the hidden problems, barriers, and conditions that may loom up in our road to success and freedom.

If we want our children of tomorrow to live happy, healthy lives in a world of opportunities, we must plan for it—we must work for it! Since a large percentage of our food, clothing, and shelter is derived from agricultural products, the health and welfare of our future generations is dependent on the type of farming operations that we engage in today.

If the farmers in all of the United States can adopt a program such as I have emphasized here today, I firmly believe that our nation's agriculture could be greatly strengthened and improved through a plan of Better Living Through Balanced Farming.

RURAL AMERICA AND SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

By Walter Carlson, Powell, Wyoming

James Madison, fourth president of the United States, once said, "Since the general civilizations of mankind, I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

Except for the present international conflict, no public issues in recent years has stirred more controversy than the proposed governmental control of medicine. This debate is, perhaps, of greater interest and importance to the people of rural America than to any other single group in our country. The preceding statement is substantiated by the fact that those persons residing in rural America admittedly do not have an adequate or satisfactory system of medical service.

Here, however, arises the all-important question. Will socialization of medicine actually solve the problem of inadequate health facilities in our rural communities? My answer, after a great deal of research, is a flat "no."

The first and primary reason for the belief that socialized medicine is not the solution to rural health problems is the many times proved fact that state medicine as such is too costly to be maintained in an area where the population is not grouped closely together. Time after time the government would be forced to build and equip the same facilities for a thousand individuals in a rural community that would serve ten thousand grouped together in a large town or city. The financial appropriations needed for a program of this sort would be staggering to the imagination.

In view of our Federal public debt which has skyrocketed from \$326 per capita in 1940 to \$1721 in 1948, would it not be wise to give this factor some very serious consideration?

To state it plainly, it costs the government more to do almost any piece of work, quality being the same, than it costs a private enterprise. Such a situation can be explained only by the fact that anything under political supervision is certain to cost more in the long run.

It must be admitted that in the event of a National emergency, as exemplified by the current war, it is only possible to achieve unified action under the supervision of a powerful agency such as the Federal government. It is not to be denied, however, that such action is the result of delving deep into the taxpayers' pocket and going ever farther down the road to economic chaos. To add to this danger with expenditure of such dubious merit as government medicine is a move of sheer financial folly.

The second point which I offer in opposition to this type of medical service is a firm belief in the personal rights of doctors and other personnel who would be involved in a system of completely socialized medicine. It is neither moral nor just to disregard the individual privileges of a single man or woman in this nation on any claim that such is for the good of the majority. Argument of this sort has a totalitarian leaning.

It is amazing to note how far down the road to totalitarian ideas our country has gone without realizing it. Yet we are fighting a war against this very kind of thinking. The argument, "It's for the good of the majority," was Stalin's when he assassinated the wheat farmers of the Ukraine. His motives and methods were very different, but his principle was the same. To force physicians and dentists to work under such an arrangement would cause them to be resentful about the situation, and the high standards of the professions we now enjoy would deteriorate rapidly to the disadvantage of all the people. A patient's confidence in his doctor's skill is an essential requirement in the treatment of illness or injury.

One of the arguments for socialized medicine has been that the average farmer cannot afford the expense when unexpected illness or some accident comes his way. True, but does not the solution to this situation lie in voluntary health insurance programs? In Wyoming and many other states, the average farm family can buy health insurance under the Blue Cross plan for approximately \$3 per month. Reasonable enough, especially when you consider the proposed 6 per cent tax boost to pay the expense of government plan of compulsory protection.

The chief obstacle in the way of improved medicine in rural areas is the absence of satisfactory practicing facilities and doctors in most rural centers. Many graduate doctors, heavily in debt after years in medical school, cannot afford the facilities required to practice the way they have been taught. In the light of these facts, young doctors often give little consideration to a rural practice.

As a nearly complete and seemingly satisfactory answer to so-

cialized medicine in agricultural areas, I offer a simple three-point program.

1. More doctors can be produced only if medical school facilities are expanded. I would suggest that if Federal funds are to be used, let them enter here to provide for the expansion of medical schools and training for nurses and other personnel.
2. To attract doctors, small towns, with the help of rural citizens surrounding them, must collect by popular subscription enough funds to build and equip a suitable clinic. This office then could either be bought by the doctor from his earnings or remain the property of the community.
3. In order that small-town practitioners could keep informed on medical progress, intensive postgraduate refresher courses should be set up.

With the preceding program organized to cover a wide area, I sincerely believe that problems of proper medical care for rural America would solve themselves without the aid of a government-enforced plan, resorting to a form approaching statism.

There is yet a third reason upon which my opposition to state medicine is based. It lies in the true definition of democratic government. Democratic government is government by the people. Government by the people ceases to be such when any group entitled to rights as citizens can be forced to serve that government against its will. That government is on the very brink of socialism and eventual communism. When any group, no matter how much in the minority, loses its rights for any other reason than misuse of those rights, the majority will soon find itself in the same circumstance. Nikolai Lenin, one of the gods of the Marxist party-line, laid down this fundamental precept. "Socialized medicine is the keystone of the arch of the Socialist State."

Bear these words in mind, Future Farmers and guests. They may very well determine the destiny of Democratic Government in our country, and hence in the world of the future. Under our present system of democracy, we have the privilege of making our own choice. Act accordingly.

THE YOUNG FARMER OF THE 49th STATE

By Clement Correia, Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii

On the thirteenth of January, 1932, the young farmer was born into a new era—an era of turmoil, depression and mechanization that was to affect his future life.

From the early years of his childhood, he was greatly devoted to his father. He would go with his father to visit farmers and ranchers; constantly questioning things unfamiliar to him. In so doing, he began to develop a keen interest in the different phases of agriculture. His esteem for agriculture grew as he continued these field trips with his father.

The young farmer was a very active boy. He desired to learn from experience and also through observation. While he was yet a fifth grader, his interest created a desire to carry a project of his own. Consequently, he began to raise five rabbits and a heifer. He worked zealously to forge ahead, and from his original five rabbits, the herd increased to 125. Finally, after much toil and effort, the heifer project showed great progress. His heifer was now the mother of a young calf. The birth of the calf meant that more time, time which could ill be spared, would have to be spent on the project. Therefore, rather than hinder his education, he turned the cow and calf to pasture grazing. The money received from his rabbit project was given to his father in payment for expenses. He felt that he carried a project not to be a financial burden, but to do and to learn, and someday become a member of the Future Farmers of America.

However, being unoccupied proved to be very boresome. Consequently, he decided to grow a crop of Irish potatoes. The young farmer had now undertaken a difficult project unaware of the difficulties that loomed before him. Being inexperienced, he knew nothing about diseases and their cure, and cultivation practices. The potatoes were planted and had grown to near maturity when a disease called "blight" set in and completely destroyed his crop. Disheartened, the young farmer was determined now to seek information as to how he could combat the disease that destroyed his crop. And how was he going to acquire this knowledge? There was a solution—and that was to enroll in Vocational Agriculture.

He enrolled in Vocational Agriculture where he received instruction in technical and practical agriculture, so that he could learn to do jobs such as truck crop production, beef cattle production, soil conservation, fertilization, use of fungicides and insecticides, poultry and hog production. On the school farm, he acquired experience that permitted him to meet the challenges of mechanized farming. He learned to operate a ton and a half Studebaker truck and Ferguson tractor with its varied attachments. He learned truck and tractor maintenance and care involving such jobs as greasing and servicing. He also learned to do other farm mechanics jobs such as carpentry, plumbing, concrete work and farm safety. Probably more important, he learned to live a democratic way of life, which, to him, included giving and taking, leading and following. Let me cite his Future Farmers of America chapter as an example: The members elect their own officers, and in turn these officers are responsible for the welfare of the membership and work for the betterment of the organization. No one person has the authority to choose the officers of the organization. It is the responsibility of the membership—a phase of democratic living. The Vocational Agriculture teacher does not dictate. He is called upon as helper and advisor. All of these enabled him to succeed in fulfilling one of his life's objectives, and also permitted him to become a member of the Future Farmers of America, the largest farm-boy organization in the nation.

For his first project as a Future Farmer, he undertook beef cattle production. He had a distinct advantage over other students, due to the fact that his dad owned over a hundred acres of unpartitioned pasture land. Another advantage he had was that his father had been raising beef cattle ever since he was a boy. Fortunately, the young farmer had more than one intelligent and experienced source of advice and guidance. He rented from his father thirty-two acres of land and purchased seven steers to start the project. His adviser was presented many problems such as pasture improvement by fertilization, herd blood improvement and marketing as to age of animals and their dressing percentages. Being a Future Farmer gave him the courage to carry on a project which was supervised by trained personnel.

The young farmer, under the able guidance of his Future Farmer adviser, made great progress as a cattle raiser. He practiced clean pasture, repaired fences, and saw to it that his animals were in good health. When school closed that year, seven prime steers were ready for market.

In 1948, the young farmer enrolled for a third year in Vocational Agriculture. This time he felt certain that the only career for him was an agricultural one. Therefore, he was eager to grasp the opportunities offered by the chapter. Some of the opportunities that were offered and accepted by the young farmer provided him with valuable knowledge and experiences; enlightenment which would have saved him time and money. For instance, had he known of the disease that destroyed his potato crop, he could have saved it by using fungicides. Then too, his beef cattle project carried on earlier would have been more profitable had he partitioned his pasture, permitting the segregation of cows in gestation. Had he also practiced seasonal breeding, a great deal of time would have been saved by observing only cows that were to freshen. By practicing this present recommendation, his cows would have freshened within two months, rather than over a period of twelve months.

Today, as the sun rises, the young farmer looks to the future with greater confidence—confidence that will guide him in becoming a better cattle raiser, and enable him to contribute his experiences and efforts in helping others overcome problems confronting them. Probably more important, he learned to live a democratic way of life. Above all, he will be fulfilling one of the principles upon which the Future Farmers of America was organized, that of leadership. Friends, this is the young farmer of the 49th State.



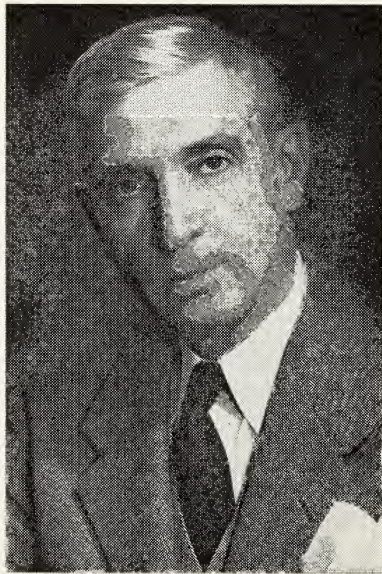
Clifford R. Hope

United States Congressman from Kansas

“For many years I have watched the growth and development of this splendid organization and were I given my choice I can think of no group I would rather talk to than this one. When I talk to you I am addressing boys and young men who have earned their right to membership in a great national organization through their own

achievements. I am talking to young men who know the joys and pleasures as well as the toil and sweat and tears which are a part of rural life. I am talking to those whose ideals and principles are embodied in the great creed of this organization. I am talking to members of a group which I like to believe represents the best—the best of America—in its aims and aspirations.

“It hasn’t been so long ago that we were hearing of youth movements in other countries—of the Hitler youth in Germany, of Mussolini’s youth Fascists; movements which were based upon ideals that were thoroughly godless, materialistic and anti-democratic. In point of time these movements originated during the same decade that saw the beginning of the Future Farmers of America. What a contrast between those organizations and the one with which you are affiliated. The one dedicated to war and destruction; the other to peace and constructive effort. And what a contrast there is between the final downfall and annihilation of these Fascist organizations and the growth and progress of this one.”



Mayor William E. Kemp

“I think there is no greater thrill that can come to a man of my background than to greet the young men who, I feel, are charged with a trust of preserving the soil of America.

“The most fundamental industry in America is the production of food. That comes first. We can’t have anything else until that is secure. You have assumed that responsibility for your fellow citizens in this great country of ours.”

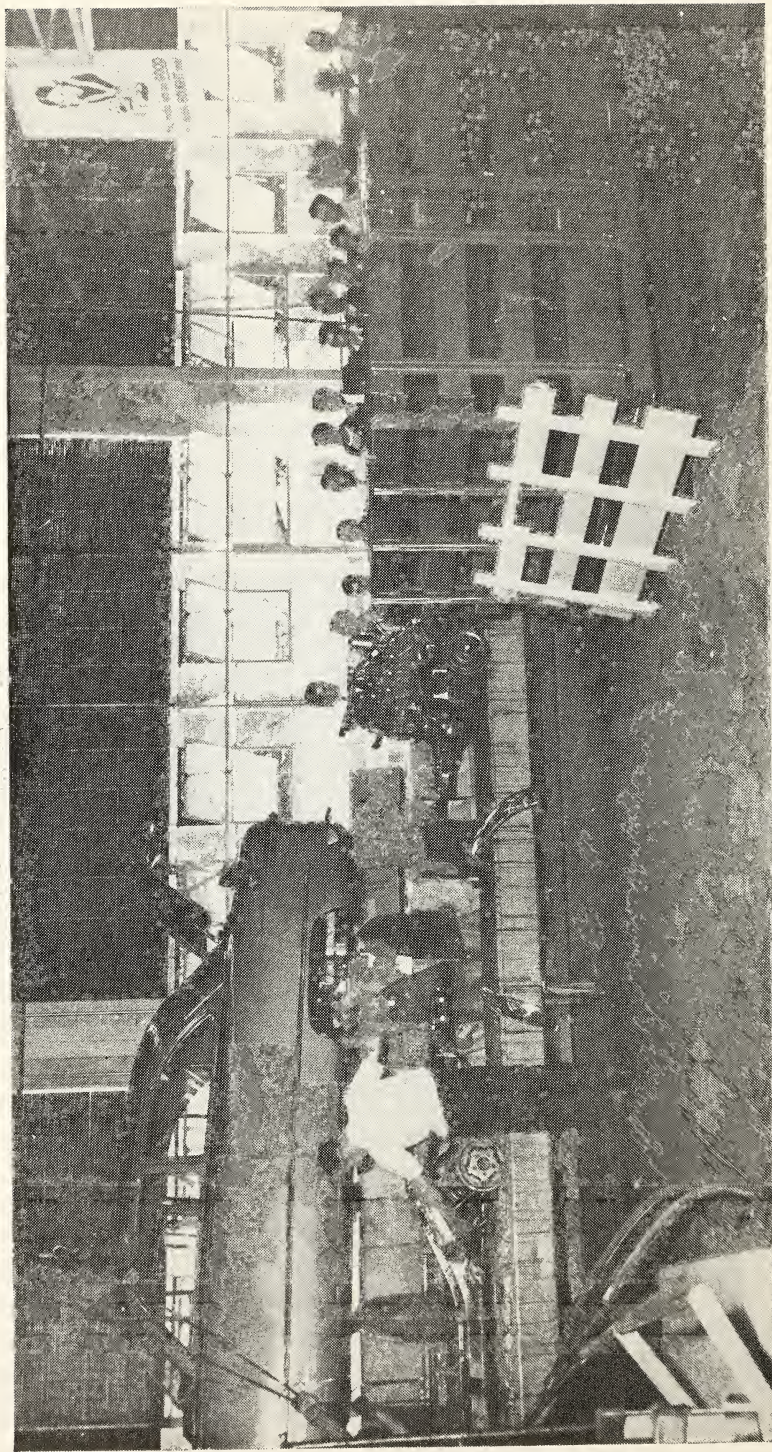
Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannon

"Your organization develops the very qualities which are needed most, not only to make and keep our farm programs successful, but to preserve democracy and advance the frontiers of freedom in the world.

"It's always an inspiration to participate in a convention of the Future Farmers of America. I'm glad to be here, and glad that I can speak today as one of you. For I'm still very proud of the Honorary American Farmer Degree you conferred upon me two years ago.

"I am sure you are proud to belong to such an outstanding organization of energetic, progressive-minded youths. You are preparing yourselves for the important role you will occupy in the years ahead—not only in American agriculture, but in American life itself."





Two afternoons during the convention were devoted to tours to points of interest in the Kansas City area. Here we see a group of FFA members visiting the Ford Assembly Plant.

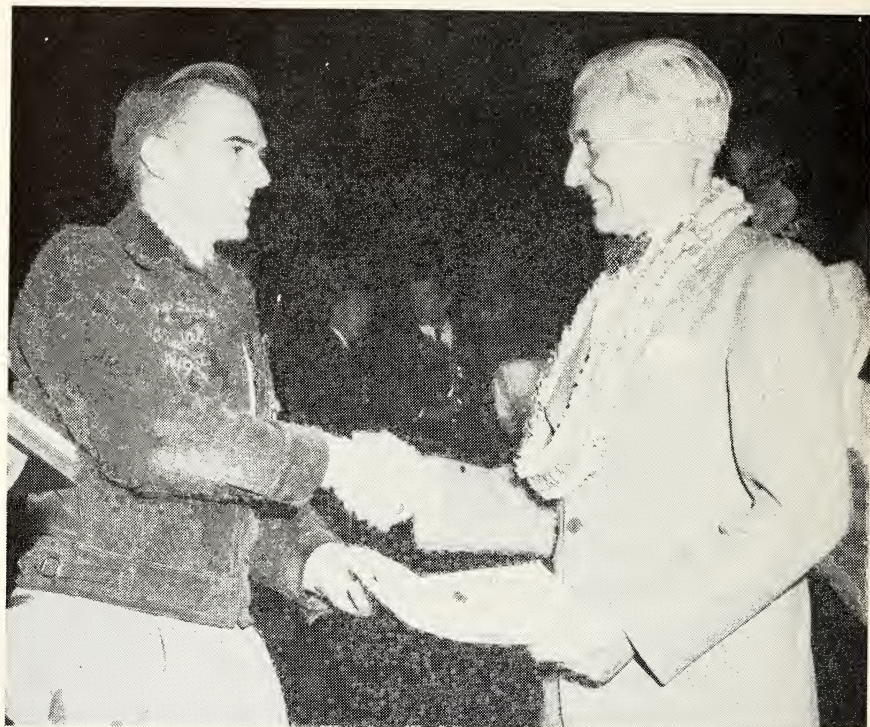


E. H. Bakken

National Director of Rural Scouting—Rural Scouts of America

"I am sure you must realize how proud I felt at the announcement that you are setting aside your corporation rights and are becoming a full-fledged participant with us as an organization chartered by the Congress of the United States.

"I am sure you must realize how proud we in the Boy Scouts of America have been at the relationships which have been established through these many years with your organization."



His Excellency Henrik Kauffmann,

Danish Ambassador to the United States

"Only a few minutes ago I had the pleasure of meeting your Star Farmer, Forrest Davis. I have a message for him which it is a great privilege for me to deliver.

'Denmark and the United States cooperate in many fields when it comes to agriculture. As a token of appreciation of the Danish Agricultural Council, I take pleasure in inviting you on a two weeks' trip to Denmark as our guest. Many of our farmers have visited the United States recently—some of them you see here—and we heartily welcome an American farmer in Denmark. All Danes, Danish farmers among them, sincerely appreciate the help and kindness shown Denmark since the liberation of our country.'



Future Farmers of America Reception

A reception was given by the Future Farmers of America in honor of representatives of donors to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated. Our honor guests were lined up in the reception hall. George Lewis, National President, personally introduced the delegates, State Advisers and national officers to Mr. John Kraft, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee of the Foundation. As they passed down the reception line they had the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with representatives of fifty-three companies.

This is the first time that the Future Farmers of America made it possible for our honored guests in the field of business to meet and become acquainted with representatives of the F.F.A.

"Future Farmers Abroad"

GLENN LACKEY

National Fourth Vice-President

From the day I learned I was to go to England until the day I left home, all my time was, seemingly, spent in the clouds, as was probably the case with the other three boys. I was brought back to earth daily, however, by the extra jobs that had to be done before I left. There was the regular heavy spring farm work to be done, there were clothes to buy, letters to write, packing to do, and many other odd jobs. We were fortunate to have been selected to represent the Future Farmers of America on an exchange visit to England. When I say we, I mean Charlie Lucht, Oregon; Alton Brazell, Texas; Russell Davenport, Mass.; and myself from Ohio. Naturally I was excited and prior to the day of our departure I lived almost altogether in anticipation of the three thrill-packed months ahead.

June 11th was the day I had been looking forward to for ten weeks, and on boarding the plane in Columbus for Washington, D. C. I came to realize that my trip was not a dream but a reality.

When I arrived in the Nation's Capital I immediately phoned Mr. Tenney and he informed me that the four boys from England with whom we were exchanging would arrive at the hotel in about an hour. By the time I reached the hotel the boys were there. We spent that evening together asking each other many questions about the experiences to come.

Monday, I spent the morning in the National F.F.A. offices talking about details of the trip, and in the afternoon flew on to New York City where I joined the other three boys who were going to England. The original plans were for us to be at Idlewilde Field at 8:00 a. m. Monday morning. After phoning there, I found that the plane would be eight hours late so we didn't go to the field until 4:00 p. m. At that time our reservations and passports were checked and we boarded a D-C 4 for Gander, Newfoundland at 8:00 p. m. The flight took only five hours. After refueling and getting a meal we took off again to span about 2500 miles of water. Being 8000 feet in the air with only water below, gives a person quite a different feeling. This feeling subsided, however, as ten hours later we landed at Shannon, Ireland. We flew in over Ireland as the sun was going down and saw a very beautiful country. We were not flying very high and could make out the stone fences and hedge rows. There were no two fields the same shape and from the air the patchwork of different colors made a very beautiful sight.

Again we refueled and had a meal and took off for London. Two hours later we were going through the customs line at Bovington Field, just outside London. After waiting about an hour, a bus picked us up and took us 25 miles to downtown London. This ride was the first difference I had noticed in our methods of living. There

in Great Britain everyone drives on the wrong side of the road all the time, whereas in the U. S. only a few drive there.

We were driven to the Russel Hotel which, incidentally, is one of the oldest hotels in London. It was 4:00 a. m. when we got in bed. After four hours sleep we had breakfast and boarded a train for St. Neots in the county of Huntingdonshire, where we stayed one week. We stayed about a week in each place, visiting ten counties in about two and one-half months. While in each county we lived in the homes of English Young Farmers. The National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs of England and Wales was our host during the summer. Long before our arrival in England they had decided where each of us was to stay, what counties we were to live in, and what our weekly schedule was to be. The county organizer of the YFC along with the young farmers where we were staying planned our daily program.

To try to tell you of the many things we saw, the many people we met, and the interesting things that happened to us, is difficult to do in such a short space. Briefly, however, I will try to explain some of the outstanding events.

In all of our travels while in England we wore our FFA jackets. This caused quite a lot of excitement as the English are rather reserved in their manner of dress. One instance was very amusing. The four of us were walking down the street together. Coming down the street toward us was a man on a bicycle. He glanced at us briefly and did not realize what he had seen until after passing. To assure himself of what he had seen, he looked back. In doing that he ran into the back of the truck ahead of him. He received no serious injury.

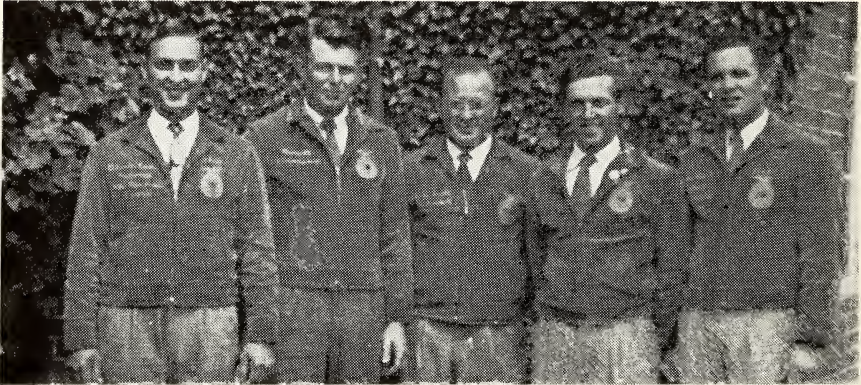
The first of the many differences we noticed was concerned with English customs. Every morning I would drink a cup of tea in bed. Usually the father of the household would bring it to my room. Tea is the common drink for everyone. They have the three regular meals that we have in the States plus a mid-afternoon snack called "high tea." This meal consists of sweet rolls, cake, bread and jam, and of course, tea. We benefitted greatly at these meals, in gaining weight I mean. Oftentimes, in one afternoon, we would visit two or three farms getting "high tea" at each farm. All in all, as you could tell, I couldn't complain one bit about the food I had while in England.

As I mentioned before, the English are quite reserved in their manner of dress. The boys don't wear any "loud" ties as we do here. Every place we went, our ties were the topic of discussion. The same was true with our socks. The young people our age wore sport coats, most commonly a type of tweed, very reserved neckties and slacks, and detachable collar shirts.

While living in each county we would visit outstanding farms, see their crops, livestock, machinery, and anything of special in-

terest on the farm. We would also see many historical places, churches, cathedrals, castles, and scenic spots.

Being farm boys we were naturally very interested in agriculture methods and practices. Basically, all agriculture is the same with various differences in practices according to the geographic conditions. We found many interesting things to talk about on our trip. First, I was very much amazed to learn that England is the highest mechanized country in the world per acre. This mechanization has come about mostly since 1942. At that time, of course, England was using all available man power in the armed services. There was a definite shortage of labor on the farm as a result of this. The only way in which they could overcome that shortage was to mechanize, and that they did. A great percentage of their tractors and farm tools were imported from the United States and the English farmers that we visited were very much impressed by the quality of those implements.



FUTURE FARMERS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Left to right: Glenn Lackey, Ohio; Russell Davenport, Massachusetts; Charlie Lucht, Oregon; Neil Cotton, England; and Alton Brazell, Texas. Neil was a guest of the F.F.A. during the summer of 1949.

The crops they grow are very similar to the ones grown in my state, Ohio, mainly wheat, oats, rye, grasses and clovers, sugar beets, mangels, kale, and truck garden crops. A primary difference in types of crops grown is that they do not grow corn. The reason for that is the cool summer that they have.

Before going to England I was under the impression that the size of their farms was very small. I was very surprised, however, to find many large farms. I stayed on farms that had as many as 500 acres and visited one estate totaling 4000 acres. The average size farm that I stayed on was about 200-250 acres. This is above the average for all of England, as I later learned it to be 68 acres.

Another peculiar trait about English farms is the hedge rows.

For fences they usually plant hedge and keep it trimmed to keep in the stock. One farm which totaled 280 acres, had 13 miles of hedges.

Almost every farm home had a flower garden in the backyard. All during our stay I was very much impressed by the beautiful flowers and the manner in which they are kept.

During the summer I attended many of their shows, better known to us as county fairs. At the shows they would have competition with livestock and award premiums in the afternoon at a large parade. There were many machinery exhibits at the shows, also. One of the highlights of the afternoon is the horse show. All the nearby persons who owned horses would bring them to the show and participate in the races and jumping events.

The old castles and cathedrals were certainly remarkable. When reading about them in history books while I was in school, I formed in my own mind what they would look like. My imagination wasn't too far off either as when we saw them it brought back all memories of the history book. Some of these buildings were constructed as long as 1000 years ago.

At the close of my stay in England, I went to the Isles of Jersey and Guernsey. The reason for me going there is quite evident as our family has been breeding Jersey cattle for some 20 years. I spent six very interesting days there seeing some outstanding Jersey cattle. Both the islands are very small and have many interesting, historic, and scenic places.

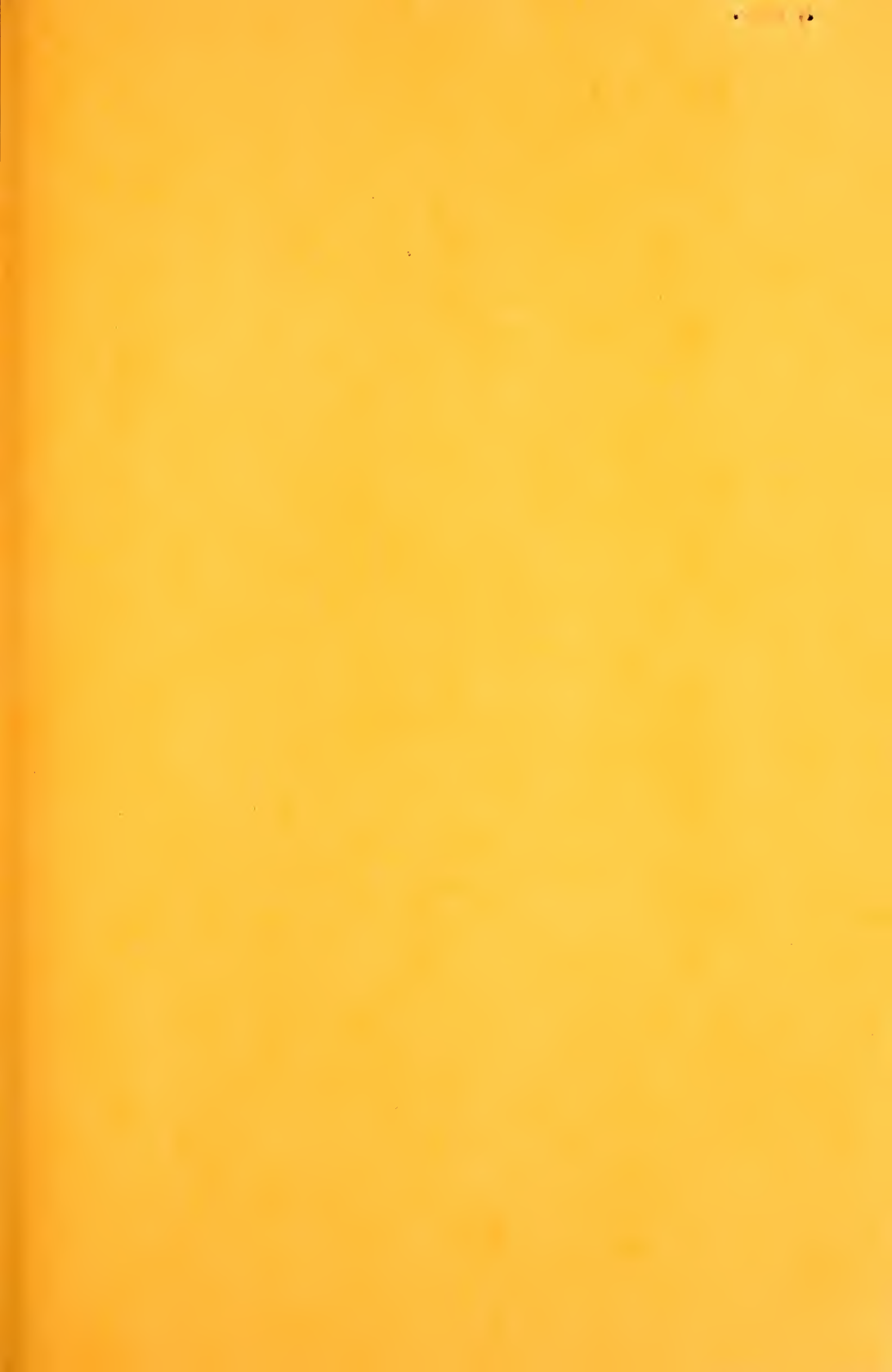
Following my visit there, I returned to London to join the other three F.F.A.'ers from where we flew to Paris for a four-day stay. There were many things to do in Paris and during the four days we were there we merely scanned the surface, seeing many historic buildings. Our first morning, we spent on a French farm which was also very interesting.

On September 4th, we returned to London expecting to start home the next day. We were disappointed, however, as our plane was not in yet. We ended up waiting for our plane for eight days. During this time we saw the sights of London. On the 13th our plane arrived and we left for New York. Three hours out of London, one of the engines stopped and made an emergency landing at Amsterdam. After waiting four more days another plane finally brought us home. From Amsterdam the plane flew to Iceland where we landed to refuel. From there the flight proceeded to Gander, Newfoundland, on to New York.

Words can not express my appreciation to the Future Farmers of America for sending me to Europe as one of the F.F.A. delegation. The experiences I had, not only gave me a better understanding of some European Countries, but also gave me a greater respect for the United States of America.

The results of our summer as Future Farmers of "Good Will" created a better understanding between the F.F.A. and the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs; and between our countries as well.





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